

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Matter Of Moment

WHILE it has been made quite clear that the principal purpose of Mr Churchill's meetings with Mr Eisenhower and President Truman is for a private exchange of views on subjects which are of vital concern to the United States and the British Commonwealth, obviously the opportunity also presents itself for exploring the possibility of further integrating Anglo-American policies, particularly in relation to current world events. Mr Churchill made it clear in his shipboard Press interview yesterday that he still considers Europe as the first line of defence against further Communist aggression, and it is important to him that he should discover whether President-elect Eisenhower is of a like opinion, or has come to regard Korea and the Pacific as the principal area for building up the anti-Communist defence. What conclusions Mr Eisenhower reached in consequence of his recent visit to Korea still remain a secret between himself and his political associates, but it may be inferred that he disclosed them yesterday to Mr Churchill.

THE British Government, and indeed the entire Commonwealth, is opposed to the extension of the Korean conflict from the viewpoint that it is highly unlikely that any such enterprise could be decisive enough to bring the war to an end, but that on the other hand, it might well provoke a general flare-up in the Far East. Mr Eisenhower, however, may have obtained for himself a military assessment of the situation in Korea sufficiently encouraging to persuade him that a quick solution to the stalemate could result from a properly conducted offensive. Mr Churchill may have an open mind on this particular subject, although he gave a clue to his ideas when he declared that one worse thing than a stalemate was a checkmate. The implication to be drawn is that the British Prime Minister feels an expansion of hostilities in Korea could not realise complete success, nor bring about what is most desired—an end to the war.

IT has to be admitted that Mr Churchill's claims that the United States should continue to direct the major portion of its military aid programme to Western Europe have been somewhat prejudiced by the failure of the European members of NATO to live up to their rearmament commitments. American resentment about this is understandable, and Mr Eisenhower, whatever his private and official views may be, appreciates that he must carry national approval for his foreign aid policies if they are to be implemented. Mr Churchill is concerned over many matters of moment affecting Anglo-American relations, notably those associated with the economic and financial future of the British Commonwealth. But even these are not more important than the necessity for a thorough understanding between Britain and the United States on the most effective joint policy to be pursued in combating and preventing Communist aggression.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

TAKE SERIOUS TURN

Disputes Flare Up As Naguib Imposes Rigid Press Censorship

Cairo, Jan. 5. Bitter Anglo-Egyptian disputes flared today in troubled Egypt and the Government of Premier Mohammed Naguib clamped a rigid censorship on Press reports of events which British leaders said may disrupt negotiations that had appeared to be headed for success.

New demands have been made from numerous high and responsible Egyptian quarters for the ousting of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone.

Britain has requested the evacuation of Egyptian villagers from a squatter's town near a British camp following the mysterious stabbing of a civilian employee of the British Air Ministry.

General Naguib, who removed Press censorship following a military coup in which he toppled former King Farouk from the throne, re-imposed rigid censorship on all in-coming and out-going Press messages today in view of the rapidly worsening situation.

British officials in London viewed the chain of ominous events with alarm.

Rosenbergs Offered Stay Of Execution BUT MUST APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

New York, Jan. 5. Federal Judge Irving Kaufman announced tonight that he would grant a five-day stay of execution to atomic spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg if they formally appealed to President Truman before Saturday.

The Judge recently rejected an appeal by the two spies. Their execution is at present fixed for January 14 at 23.00 hours local time.

Judge Kaufman informed the Rosenbergs' lawyer that the stay of execution would remain in force for five days after the President's decision if he rejects their appeal against the death sentence.

The stay of execution, he said, would come into force automatically when a formal appeal for clemency was made at the White House and a copy presented to the Federal Court.

Earlier the New York Court of Appeal had reserved its decision on a request by the Rosenbergs' lawyer for a stay of execution in order to give time for a fresh appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The Rosenbergs were sentenced to die in the electric chair for passing United States atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.—France-Press.

Indian Family Demonstrate Outside 10 Downing Street

London, Jan. 5. An Indian law student, aged 22, Guna Chandra Dass, his wife Santosh, 38, and their four children, aged 17, 16, 13 and 12, took up positions on the pavement outside No. 10 Downing Street today and began to fast "until death is necessary".

They paraded placards saying, "We are hungry. Your choice—give us food, or see death". Dass told a Policeman who ordered him to move on that they were going to fast to death as a protest at the stoppage of hand-out payments to him of £6 weekly that he had been drawing off and on for years. One of the posters, carried said "Stop racial discrimination". They were arrested and charged with obstruction.

They said that the new anti-British moves might cause the collapse of the delicate negotiations at a time when agreement was "90 per cent reached". "We are at a crucial stage," a spokesman for the Foreign Office in London said.

The native squatter's village of Elbet Farouk, on the outskirts of Ixmalia, is expected to be the focal point of growing friction between the two nations. The British have demanded the evacuation of 30 old families who have occupied make-shift huts on land which is under lease to the British Command.

One prominent Egyptian after another has climbed the bandwagon to support the declaration made in November by Lieut.-Col Gamal Abdel Nasser. He threatened guerrilla war in the Canal Zone unless the British evacuated.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

On Saturday Premier Naguib's Minister of State, Fathy Radwan, said that Abdel Nasser's statement represented the general nationalist trend "to oust the British" but he added that this did not mean that he supported action by volunteer commandos—groups who battled the British in the Canal Zone a year ago. Early today Major Abdel Halim Amer, a key member of General Naguib's General Headquarters Council, said, "Our primary objective is to drive the British out of Egypt and the Sudan. This will remain our goal until we either attain it or die for it."

Major Amer, who is chief of Premier Naguib's Cabinet, made the statement when asked to comment on Lieut.-Col Nasser's declaration that unless the British leave "we will wage guerrilla war against them."

"Abdel Nasser's statement was an embodiment of the entire nation's aspirations," Major Amer said.

This morning Faud Serag el Din, former Minister of the Interior and deposed Secretary-

General of the violently anti-British Wafd Party, emerged from the political shadows to join the chorus.

In his first public statement since he was ousted as party secretary in General Naguib's purge of Egyptian political parties, Serag el Din said, "I wholeheartedly support him (Abdel Nasser) as well as any movement aimed at liberating the country. We and the Government initiated the struggle and did everything possible to advance it. Nothing would make every Egyptian citizen happier than unification of the nation's forces in a liberation battle. I am fully prepared to be an active soldier to rid the Fatherland of imperialism."

From General Naguib himself there has been no comment. He has expressed support of the nationalist aspiration to oust the British but he has never advocated force to expel them since he came to power.

A British Embassy spokesman announced, meanwhile, that Britain has released £10,000,000 to Egypt out of that country's sterling credits in London. The amount was due to be released some time during the year, but Britain released it ahead of time on January 2.—United Press.

New Year Outrages In The PI

Manila, Jan. 5. The Philippines' 1953 political campaign opened with a bang on New Year's Day with the near fatal shooting of Cavite Governor Dominador Camerino in a Manila theatre balcony.

Camerino, leader of the Liberal Party in Cavite Province, was shot twice at close range in the neck and chest with a United States Army 45. He was expected to live, however. He would be assassinated in the leg by Camerino's bodyguard and captured.

Two days later three Cavite men, identified as Camerino followers, were taken at gunpoint from their homes by a band of unidentified men, tied together with their hands behind their backs and shot to death in a rice field.

The same day the Constabulary Commander in the area reported to President Quirino that everything was "normal" in the Province and that there had been no repercussions as had been expected from the Camerino shooting. Rather than being an isolated incident the Camerino affair may have been the keynote of what this year's political campaigning may be like. There have been several other shootings recently involving minor officials here in Manila and elsewhere in the Philippines.—United Press.

A Barrier Is Burnt



A ceremony in honour of the European Federalist Movement was held at Ventimiglia on the Franco-Italian frontier, at which a symbolic burning of the frontier barrier and a number of passports took place. Among those attending were M. Spaak, President of the European Constituent Assembly; Signor Taviani, Italian Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and M. Jacques, French member of the Council of Europe.—London Express.

Eisenhower And Churchill Hold First Informal Talks

New York, Jan. 5. Prime Minister Churchill arrived from England today and met his "old friend", President-elect Eisenhower, for informal discussions of world problems.

They shook hands warmly at the apartment of elder statesman Bernard Baruch, where Mr Eisenhower arrived at 5.05 p.m., a few hours after Mr Churchill's ship had docked.

Mr Baruch, who is Mr Churchill's host during his New York visit, invited Mr Eisenhower to cocktails and dinner later so the two statesmen would have a chance to renew their wartime friendship and discuss informally the Korean war, the cold war in Europe and other pressing problems. The meeting was arranged shortly after Mr Churchill strode in high good humour down the gangplank of the liner Queen Mary. He went directly to Mr Baruch's Fifth Avenue apartment and Mr Eisenhower joined him there as soon as his business was completed.

PRIVATE TALKS Mr James Hagerly, Mr Eisenhower's press secretary, told newsmen that the conversations over cocktails and dinner would be private and the general would have nothing to say after the conference.

He added that Mr Eisenhower was "very sorry to inconvenience the men who undoubtedly will have to stand out on the street in the cold waiting for him to leave, but he simply will not have anything to say after the meeting is over with."

Mr Baruch posed for photographs in front of the fireplace, over which hung a portrait of Mr Churchill in naval uniform. While shaking hands with Mr Churchill, Mr Eisenhower said: "You look much better than when I saw you last."

Mossadeh's Urgent Warning To The US

Teheran, Jan. 5. Iranian newspapers tonight reported that Premier Mossadeh warned the United States Ambassador, Mr Loy Henderson, that immediate American aid must be extended if the groups who staged the weekend's bloody riots were to be prevented from taking over the country.

Four persons were listed dead and hundreds were injured after riots in which knife-wielding Communists battled police, troops and anti-Communist groups in the streets of Teheran and the holy city of Qum.

Communists and Rightists clashed in the streets today for the third consecutive day of confused rioting in Iran and the police said two persons were killed and 20 seriously injured. Hundreds of others were less severely injured and about 100 persons were arrested in fighting here and in the town of Qum.

PARTY'S POWER

The latest rioting between mobs of Communists and religious Rightists and Nationalists brought more strain to the affairs of this strategic and oil-rich country, which the West is trying to keep from falling into Communist hands.

The power of the Tudeh (Communist) Party has been an increasing challenge to the government of Premier Mohammed Mossadeh, which nationalised Iran's rich oil industry and drove the British company which built it out of the country.

Confusion, frustration and the need of money have grown for more than a year, while the big refineries have been idle and Iran has been unable to sell her oil abroad because of the British "oil-blockade"—United Press.

WILL SEEK VOTE

Teheran Jan. 5. Broadcasting to the Persian people tonight Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadeh said he would ask Parliament tomorrow for a vote of confidence.

Soon after the Premier's broadcast Teheran Radio announced all deputies to attend tomorrow's session of the Majlis (Parliament).—Reuter.

London Fares To Go Up

London, Jan. 5. Bus and rail fares in London will go up to 24 per cent above pre-war under an increase plan announced today. London Transport and British Railways, both state organisations, have asked for the increase because of high operating costs. London Transport, which runs the underground, claims to have lost £9 million in the last five years. Fares are already 71 per cent dearer than in 1939. The increase must be approved by a government-appointed transport tribunal after a public inquiry.—Reuter.

Mau Mau Chiefs' Trial Continues

Kapenguria, Jan. 5. Police witnesses called at today's hearing in the trial of Jomo Kenyatta and five other defendants accused of inspiring the Mau Mau movement produced several cases of letters, documents and books seized from Kenyatta's home.

Among these were Kenyatta's passport, a book of songs alleged by the Prosecution to be Mau Mau, and Kenyatta's notebook in which a certain number of songs had been copied out in his handwriting.

The Defence Counsel, Mr D. M. Pritt, stressed that this evidence was unimportant and pointed out that the guard kept over these documents at the local police station was sufficiently careless for it to be impossible to claim that the documents produced were in actual fact found in Kenyatta's home.

"MADHOUSE"

Mr Pritt said at one point today that the proceedings were being held in the atmosphere of a "madhouse."

Judge Thacker, who caused Mr Pritt to appear without a conviction before a Supreme Court three weeks ago charged with contempt of court, immediately asked whether the Defence Counsel was referring to the Court, to which Mr Pritt replied in the negative.

The Prosecution scored an academic point when Mr Pritt accused one African witness of calling anyone who did not agree with him a Mau Mau. Witness said he never accused anyone of being a Mau Mau unless he knew them to be such.

Mr Pritt asked the witness whether, for example, he thought he (Mr Pritt) was a Mau Mau, whereupon witness replied he did not know because he did not know Mr Pritt.—France-Press.



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General Clark In Korea

General Mark Clark (centre), Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, visits the Korean Front and holds a dug-out conversation with General James van Fleet and Brigadier-General Wayne Smith. — Express Photo.

**Yellow Fever
Outbreak**Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 5.
An outbreak of yellow fever of the severest type has caused 40 deaths out of 90 cases reported near Presidente Prudent, in the State of Sao Paulo.
People in the affected district have been inoculated and the authorities reported that the epidemic was now declining. — Reuter.**DOCKERS
RETURN
TO WORK**New York, Jan. 5.
The dock strike, which tied up 80 piers in New York harbour, ended today when a small union of key workers withdrew their picket lines.

Pickets remained among a few piers where "blacklegs" were suspected to be working.

The union, comprising scarcely 500 welders, samplers and seamen, without whom ships can neither load nor unload, started on Friday to back their demand for more pay by a walk-out.

Other dock workers stayed away, respecting the union's picket lines.

Efforts to settle the dispute failed. But the union has announced that its members could work for any businessman who could use their services without going through the American Seafarers' Association, an employers' group. — Reuter.

**British
MPs Visit
Jordan**Amman, Jan. 5.
Six members of the British Parliament made official visits here today. They lunched at the Foreign Office, had tea at Parliament House, cocktails at six and an official dinner.

Tomorrow they go to Jerusalem and then to Damascus. The Speaker of Jordan's Parliament welcomed them and thanked them for the opportunity to convey through them a message to the British public. He said the people of Jordan "believe with good reason" that the Western Democratic powers, prominent among which is Britain, are responsible for the calamity which has befallen Palestine, 1,000,000 Arabs of Palestine.

The Speaker continued, "I will not be reticent correctly and sincerely the opinion of the Arab public. If I were to state that we here in Jordan and in other Arab countries observe the successive British governments of being responsible for the creation of this problem." S. J. McCadden, Conservative, replied on behalf of the members. He said, "We believe that there are many problems between our two countries but we appreciate the gravity of them and the urgency of their solution. That is why we are here." Associated Press.

**"Queen's" Crew
Cleared**

New York, Jan. 5.

All 1,253 crew of the liner Queen Mary were given permission to land by immigration officials when the ship arrived today on her first call since the controversial McCarran-Walter Immigration Act came into effect.

An immigration inspector travelled from Europe aboard the liner to question the crew under the Act, which is aimed at keeping "undesirable" seamen from landing in the United States. — Reuter.

**JAP CONSULATES
IN INDIA**

Bombay, Jan. 5.

It was reliably learned today that two more Japanese Consular offices in India—one in Bangalore, the other in Madras—may be opened soon. An official of the Japanese Consulate-General here revealed that a recommendation to this effect has been made to the Japanese Foreign Office. — United Press.

**VITAL HEARINGS
ON TARIFF
ISSUE IN U.S.****Appeals By Industries**

Washington, Jan. 5.

The calendar of the United States Tariff Commission today showed six public hearings as scheduled which will provide tests before the end of May as to how the Republican Administration of Mr Dwight D. Eisenhower will meet the "buy American" demand for greater protection against imports.

Commodities imported from Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Finland, Hungary, Cuba and Yugoslavia and the East might well be affected in the tests.

The hearings are based on the appeals of six United States industries which claim that they are being injured by the rising imports of competitive goods.

They want the Government to invoke "escape clauses" in the Trade Act so that it can apply higher import duties to certain commodities and thus discourage their flow into the United States market.

The way in which the Tariff Commission meets these requests and in which President Eisenhower reacts to their recommendations will go far to show how the new Administration feels about foreign trade.

Another big test will come in Congress voting on the measure to extend beyond June 12 the powers of the Government to reduce tariffs in trade treaties. This is known as the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. It has been in force since 1934 when it was originally sponsored by the Secretary of State of that time, Mr Cordell Hull.

CHANGED OPINIONS

The Republican Party has traditionally favoured greater protection for domestic industries, whereas the Democrats have tended to favour lower import duties. Many leading Republicans, however, have changed their views in recent years as the nation became a larger factor in world trade.

The tests in the Tariff Commission will show the policy of the new Government since the Commission's findings and recommendations are subject to Presidential review and enforcement if they favour greater protection.

President Truman recently rejected some of the Commission's findings in favour of using an escape clause and applying higher import duties. — United Press.

**Children Worry
Archaeologists**

London, Jan. 5.

Children who dig for "buried treasure" are worrying Bristol archaeologists.

A grass-covered mound in the Southmead area is a centre of activity for juvenile bucket-and-spade brigades. What worries the archaeologists is that the mound, used as a playground by the children, is a 3,000-year-old burial site. The only one of its kind in the Bristol district, and scheduled as an ancient monument.

The Corporation Public Works Committee would not agree to spending £100 to have the mound fenced off, and passed the problem to the Museum and Art Gallery Committee.

**Learning To Fly
Costs Too Much**

London, Jan. 5.

Prince Philip's example is not likely to encourage a lot of other young men to learn to fly. It costs too much.

To get to "A" licence standard costs £100 or more, nowadays.

Even with the cheapest-to-run planes, instruction is mostly £3 or £3 10s. an hour. Nearly all the pupils at flying clubs are the £150 Air Ministry scholarship cadets, about 1,000 of whom have now been taught.

**Awkward
Problem
For U.S.**

London, Jan. 5.

The Liberal Manchester Guardian said editorially today the United States faces "an awkward problem" in pressing for reform in the Philippines.

Commenting upon a report that President Elpidio Quirino has rejected an American recommendation for extensive land reform, the newspaper said that if the United States "withholds further aid unless its advice is listened to, the rest of Asia will say that it is interfering in Filipino affairs."

"If it goes on handing over money to President Quirino, it can be accused of backing reaction."

"The Philippines Government," said the Guardian, "seems to be willing to follow in the footsteps of the worst examples of Kuomintang (Nationalist) China."

The newspaper said the recommendation of President Quirino to the Liberal Party in the forthcoming national elections is in doubt.

"The ablest member of the Liberal Party," the editorial continued, "is Mr. Magnusson, the Secretary of Defence..."

"He seems to be able," the newspaper observed, "President Quirino regards him as a rival. It is remembered against him that in the last Congressional elections he used the word 'stop intimidation and fraud, and the main sufferers were his own Party,' the Guardian noted. — Associated Press.

**ZOO TO GET
MORE BIRDS**London, Jan. 5.
A big consignment of birds from the Falkland Islands is due to reach London Zoo this month.

The birds will include gulls, birds of the coromant type, with black-and-white plumage, and a number of long-tailed "steamer" ducks, which cannot fly and grunt like a pig.

The ducks can race over the surface of water by using their wings and feet. They leave a foaming wake.

The consignment is a gift from Mr H. Bennett, an official in the Falkland Islands Government.

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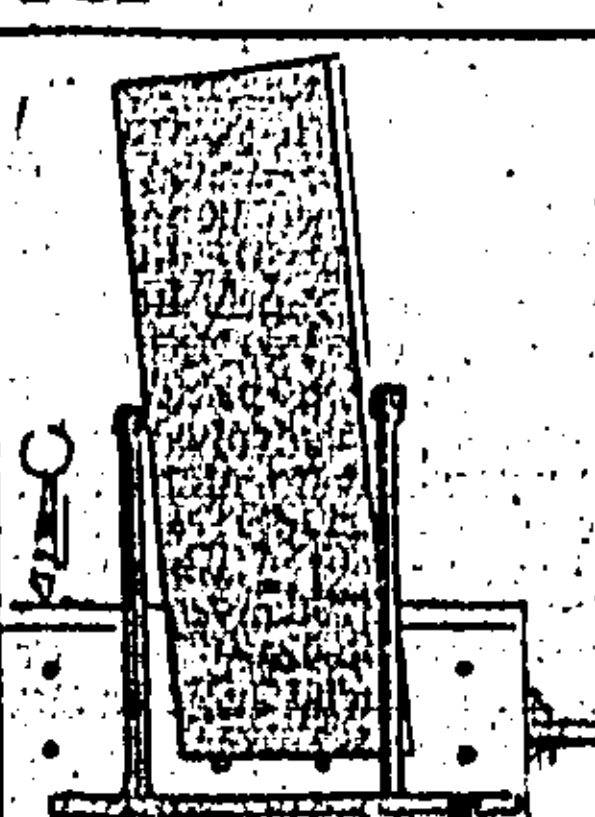
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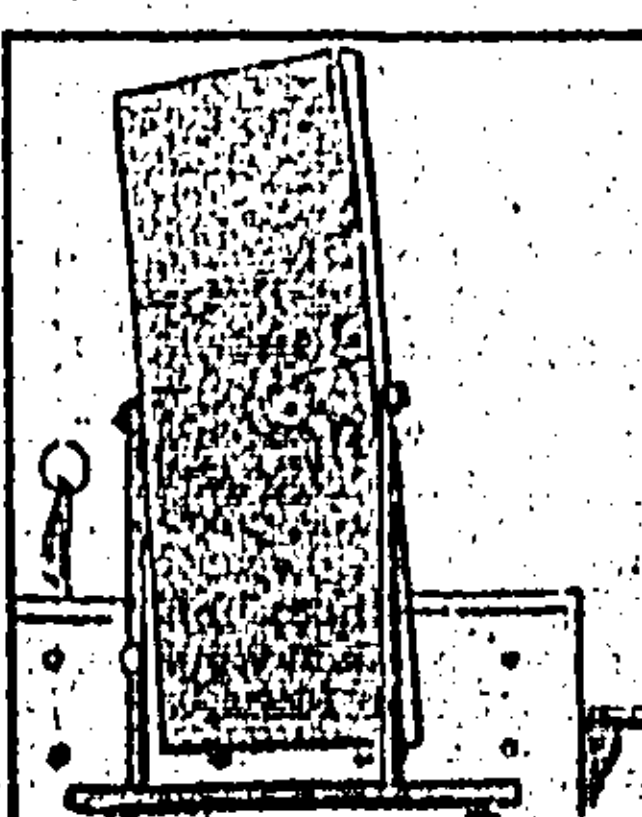
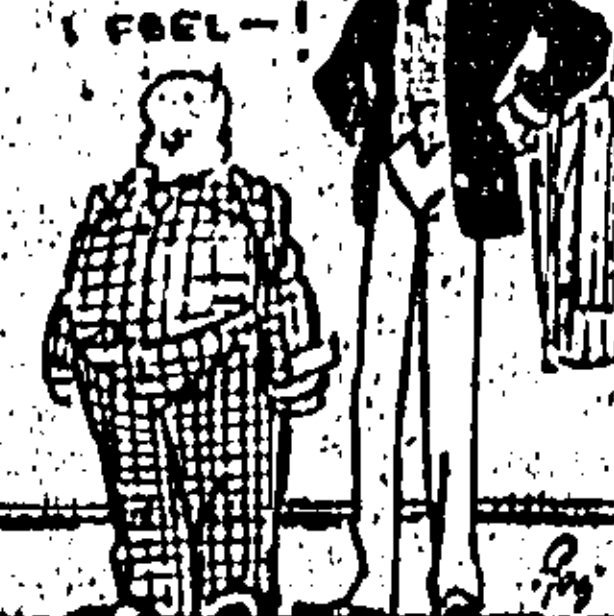
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British Pact With Burma

London, Jan. 5. A new Anglo-Burmese defence agreement is to be negotiated to take the place of the present pact which was signed in August, 1947, and which is now regarded as being in some respects out of date, it was learned tonight.

The Burmese Government today gave the necessary 12 months' notice to terminate the current agreement. One of its main provisions arranged for the presence of a British Military Mission in Burma to help train the Burmese military forces.

It is expected that a new treaty will be completed before the expiry of the 12 months' notice to end the present agreement, — France-Press.

ROCKET TO MOON BY 1963

Expert's Forecast

Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 5. It is highly probable that a rocket will travel to the moon within 10 years, says a University of California researcher into problems of supersonic flight through the atmosphere.

The first one probably won't carry passengers, but space exploration by humans may follow soon afterward, Dr. Richard G. Folsom, told interviewers. He is head of the University's Mechanical Engineering Division here.

Also, moon rockets will need a space platform 1,100 miles above the earth, Dr. Folsom said, but a rapid forward development in rocketry might bring this about in the same way that aviation spurred ahead suddenly a few years after the era of the Wright brothers.

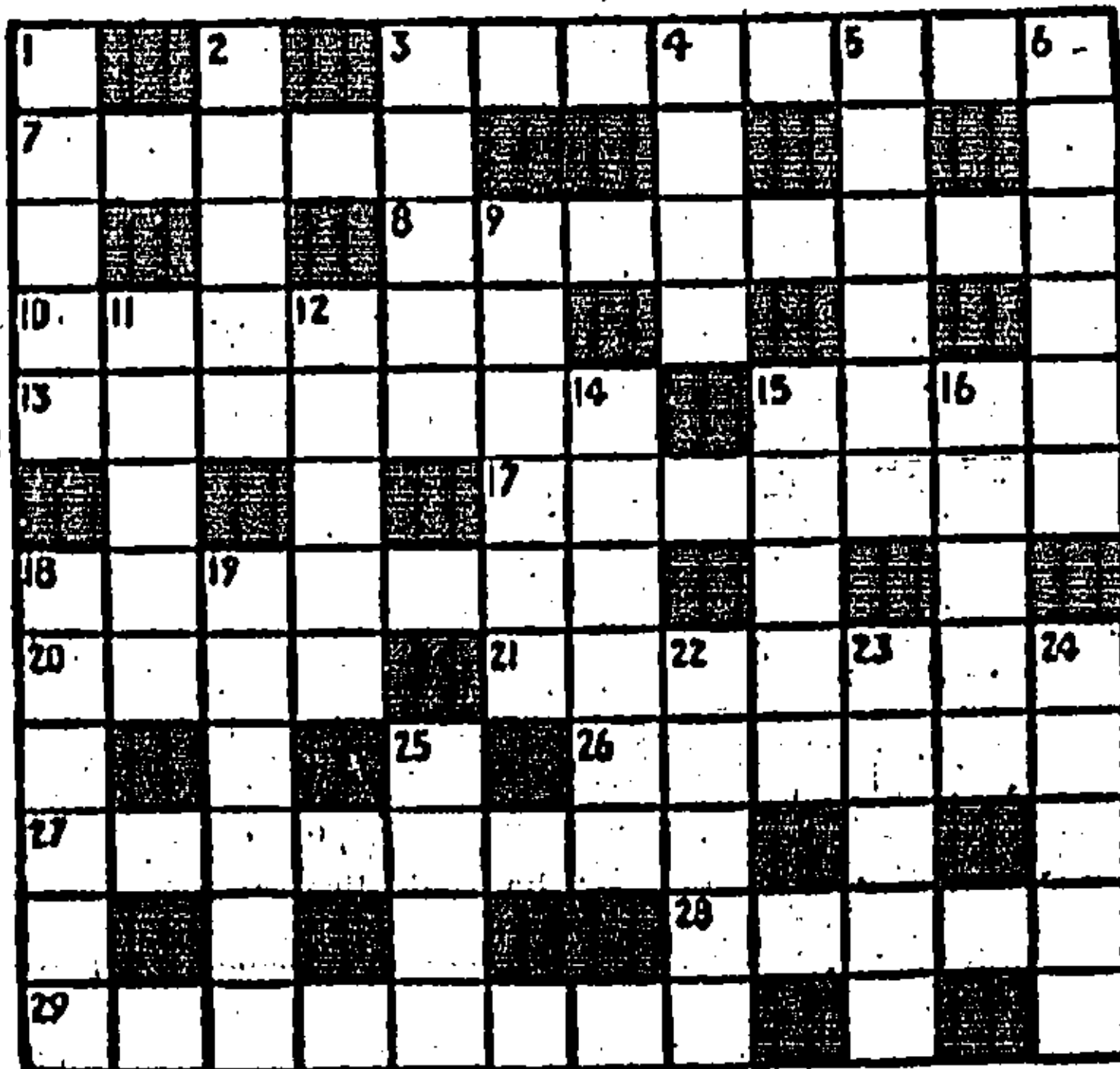
Dr. Folsom and associates are working with the world's first supersonic wind tunnel designed to test models under conditions which would be found near the top of the earth's atmosphere. Some of his projects are sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and the Office of Scientific Research.—Associated Press.

RECORD NUMBER OF BIRTHS

New York, Jan. 5. The state was itself to a frazzle again in 1952, delivering an estimated 3,875,000 babies to establish an all-time high in the history of the United States.

Statistics for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company said that this was the sixth successive year that there has been a baby crop in excess of 3,500,000, but they added that the pace may be slower during this and following years because of the downward trend in the number of marriages.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Went down (8).
7 Irish lake (5).
8 Works (8).
10 Eloquent speaker (6).
15 Exaggerated (7).
16 Exclamation (4).
17 Stir up (7).
18 Contrives (7).
20 Parched (4).
21 Meat ball (7).
22 Jacket (6).
23 Parloined (8).
27 Watch over (5).
29 Way in (5).

DOWN
1 Deluge (6).
2 Rustic (5).
3 Young branch (5).
4 Agile (4).
5 Plug of unsmoked tobacco (6).
6 Refrain (6).
9 Esteem above others (6).
11 Allude (5).
12 Lukewarm (5).
14 Firm wish (6).
15 Divert (5).
16 Fish (5).
18 Mark with spots (6).
19 Colour (6).
22 Marsh plant (5).
23 Waste meat (5).
24 Wear away (5).
25 Green letter (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Bestow, 5 Dense, 8 Model, 9 Repair, 10 Fault, 11 Trail, 12 Ace, 13 Coded, 16 Defile, 18 Tense, 20 Stern, 22 Oral, 23 Again, 25 Cause, 26 Burden, 27 Error, 28 Illus, 29 Sensed. Down: 1 Bargains, 2 Separate, 3 Omit, 4 Worries, 5 Deficit, 6 Elated, 7 Salvos, 14 Degraded, 15 Declared, 16 Deniers, 17 Revises, 18 Abuse, 21 Trail, 24 Nude.

Ridgway Gives Warning On NATO Forces

"NOT SATISFACTORY"

Paris, Jan. 5.

General Matthew B. Ridgway, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, said today that his forces would suffer "grievous blows" if the Russians attacked within one year to 18 months.

"I do not mean that they would be defeated," he added.

General Ridgway, discussing the state of his North Atlantic Treaty Organisation forces at a Press conference, said that progress in building up the Allied bulwark against Communist aggression was encouraging.

"But I do not regard the progress as satisfactory in the light of the mission assigned to me and in the light of enemy capabilities," the General said.

"I have never used the word 'satisfactory'. And if I had used it I wouldn't have meant it."

During a major summary of the situation of the forces he commands throughout democratic Western Europe, the Allied Commander-in-Chief was asked whether his armies in the direct path of the Communist sweep would be doomed to defeat.

"I believe that in a hypothetical case the stated land forces would suffer grievous blows," General Ridgway replied. "I do not mean that they would be defeated. Casualties will reflect the degree of combat effectiveness and that, of course, includes numerical strength."

He explained that the fewer soldiers the out-numbered Western forces would have to stem a Soviet thrust the higher the Allied casualties would be.

Also, he said, his best trained men would probably become the first casualties.

General Ridgway refused to comment on the statement attributed to Marshal Alphonse Juin, his French commander on the vital central front, that in the event of a war the Russians could be in Paris within 24 days after their tanks had lunged across the West-East borderline in Germany.

He also declined to say whether Marshal Juin was representing an official opinion or a personal one.

But he commented: "I have the utmost confidence in this soldier."

MAIN PROBLEM

The main problem facing him in 1953 was to increase the number of troops on the ground in Europe and to improve the quality of those already here, General Ridgway said.

Discussing economy cuts in defence programmes by the Allied countries on this side of the Atlantic, he said that the civil authorities had a right to cut whatever recommendations he and other military authorities may present to their respective governments.

He and his staff were quite aware of the economic difficulties which the civil authorities give as the reason for cutting military goals.—United Press.

PRESS COMMENT

Leeds, Jan. 5.

The West had to face the probability that the Russian forces were being expanded or that preparations were being made to expand them, the Yorkshire Post said today.

"It will be necessary to press on with rearmament however long it may take and regardless of the possible unpopularity of the process until it is certain that the Western powers have reached the desired position of strength in relation to the Russian bloc," this Conservative paper suggested.

"On the other hand, no genuine opportunity should be missed of coming to a settlement with the Russians," — Reuter.

Airline's Bookings 'On Record'

London, Jan. 5. An "indicator," 22ft. by 16ft., capable of recording the bookings for 32,000 flights in a month, is soon to be installed by British European Airways.

Sixty keyboards in London—and, later, throughout the country—will be in touch with a central control board. As a booking is made it will be flashed to the board.

When a flight is full agents will be notified and over-booking avoided.

The control board is not a "magic mind." It will be in part hand-operated. Half a million wires will connect the stations with reservation headquarters.

The cost of the machine is about £20,000. A similar one in the United States, at ten times the cost, worked on a "totaliser" principle, whereby the total bookings were flashed electrically on to a board from stations throughout the country. But it was found impractical.

Interest is being shown in the new British machine by American airlines.

Student Conference

Manila, Jan. 5.

A Philippine-Japanese student conference will be held in Manila by the middle of this month to discuss the future relations of the two countries, it was reported today.

Four Japanese student delegates will attend the conference, Reuter.

A Unique Occasion



Christmas 1952, was a memorable occasion for six-year-old Valerie Glass, from the world's loneliest island, Tristan da Cunha. Valerie, who is now living with her grandparents in Yorkshire, gazes with wonder at the first Christmas tree she has ever seen. She also took part in the B.B.C.'s Christmas Day broadcast, linking the British Commonwealth. — Express Photo.

Partition The Most Realistic Solution Of Trieste Issue

London, Jan. 5.

Britain still believes that the simplest and most realistic solution to the seven-year-old problem of Trieste is the partition of the territory between Italy and Yugoslavia, authoritative sources said today.

The line of demarcation would approximately follow the present frontier between zone "A", controlled by the United States and Britain, and the Yugoslavia dominated zone "B".

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII PREDICTED

New York, Jan. 5.

Four powerful Western Senators, after visiting the President-elect, Mr. Dwight D. Eisenhower, today, announced that a bill to make Hawaii a new State would be introduced in Congress next week. They predicted its passage.

Senator William Knowland of California and Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee in the new Senate, said, "It is the feeling of the group that he could not speak for Mr. Eisenhower but he believed that Hawaii will get statehood at a reasonably early date."

Mr. Knowland said that the group did not discuss statehood for Alaska.

He hoped that there would be no filibuster against the new bill to "grant statehood to Hawaii."

Filibuster killed statehood for Alaska in the last session of Congress.—United Press.

Children Join Air Police

London, Jan. 5.

The U.S. air force in Britain have enrolled 15 children in their Air Police. The children, all under 16, have been formed into an Air Police Squadron.

The 10 girls wear white berets and the five boys white helmets. When on duty, they all have an "A.P." armband.

The squadron is stationed at Burtonwood, the American air base in Lancashire. All the boys and girls are children of U.S. servicemen.

A U.S. air force officer said, "The children's duties include keeping discipline among their fellow-pupils, giving first aid to children, and enforcing road safety. They attend first-aid classes."

Press In U.S. Welcomes Churchill Visit

BUT GIVES A WORD OF ADVICE TO "IKE"

New York, Jan. 5.

The visit to New York of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, is the subject of an editorial in today's Daily News.

It said, "We doubt that many Americans will object in any way to Mr. Churchill's visit. . . . He is the greatest Englishman of his time and quite possibly the greatest of all time up to now."

"We do hope, though, that Mr. Eisenhower will keep American interests first and foremost in his mind. He can be sure that Mr. Churchill will be thinking and working for British interests first and last."

The editorial pointed to speculation that Mr. Churchill will warn Mr. Eisenhower against an intensification of the Korean war and will likely seek devaluation of the dollar "or some other method of strengthening the British Pound at our expense."

It said regarding Korea, "Mr. Eisenhower was elected largely on his promise to do his damndest to see the Korean war wound up honourably and as soon as possible. We hope that nothing and nobody will be able to swerve him from that purpose."

The Herald-Tribune said, "It must surely be one of the agreeable awards of Mr. Eisenhower's new role that this great man should be in office at the time he becomes President. Any pleasure he will have in welcoming the Prime Minister is one in which every American citizen can join."

"A LITTLE ODD"

The New York Times bid "a hearty welcome" to Mr. Churchill, adding, "A measure of this man's hold on our affections lies in the complete national greeting he will receive."

"There was never an Englishman more English than Churchill but if anyone ever could claim dual English-American nationality it is he."

Terming Mr. Churchill's visit "a little odd" at this time when "Washington is all in a dither with the new Congress starting and a change in administration in process," the editorial continued,

"Winnie's old friend Ike is hardly ready to talk decisively on the great issues of Korea, defence of the West or the dollar gap... but the present visit is strictly informal and personal." —United Press.

"CLEAN-UP" FOR BIG LINERS

London, Jan. 5.

The world's largest liner, Britain's 83,000-ton Queen Elizabeth, is being prepared for the big part she will play in Coronation year.

For the next six weeks, hundreds of men will be at work in and around the ship in the huge dry dock at Southampton.

They will put more than seven tons of paint on the ship; all her 13,000 carpets, curtains and bedspreads will be cleaned and overhauled before she sails again.

The laundry list will include 120,000 pieces of linen and 8,000 blankets.

Before the Queen Elizabeth reappears on the Atlantic in mid-February, other ships of the Cunard fleet will be in dock for their "Coronation polish."

The Mauretania, Britannic, Medea, Parthia and Franconia are all on the "spring-clean" list and work will go on until the end of March.

Aussies Want Mr Attlee

Melbourne, Jan. 5.

The Australian Labour Party today invited the British Labour Party leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, to open its biennial conference at Adelaide on January 18.

The invitation was cable to the Party President, Mr. E. Reece, and the General Secretary, Mr. P. J. Connelly.

"Mr Attlee is assured of a very warm welcome if he can come to Australia," Mr. Connelly said. He added that Mr. Attlee would be the first British leader to attend a Labour Party conference in Australia.

Mr Attlee is now in New Delhi. He leaves for Rangoon tomorrow to attend the Asian Socialist conference.—Reuter.

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- 3 Grandma.
- 4 Another batch of Christmas aunts discussing ailments.
- 5 Healthy Cousin Andrew who has a theory that the only cure for pneumonia is to get out in the fresh air and shoot something.
- 6 Anti-social Christmas aunts discussing ailments on her own.
- 7 Rush, who ought to have the same theory as Cousin Andrew, but hasn't.
- 8 Georgie, who has a theory that the more penicillin he pumps into the twins in advance the less chance they've got of catching pneumonia.
- 9 Me getting a little better.

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By
Jack Clark

London.
THE year 1841 was a joyous one for Britain. For, on November 9th, the baby destined one day to rule as King Edward VII, "the Peacemaker," was born. And in the same year, another baby—this time a negro picannini—was born on an Alabama plantation. He had scarcely been laid in his cradle when he was sold—for fifty dollars—as an infant slave.

The other day, at the extraordinary age of 111, that one-time slave, Jack Riddle, died on his Tallageda farm. In view of his amazing years, we may assume that Jack Riddle was fortunate enough to enjoy kind masters before Abe Lincoln's rise to the U.S. Presidency brought slavery in America to an end.

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Yet it is a shock to think that, even today, a man could live who was born, sold, and raised in bondage. It makes one realise just how far we have travelled in so comparatively short a time.

Certainly, Jack Riddle must have become so used to new marvels that these eventually ceased to thrill. Had men succeeded in reaching the moon in his lifetime, he might well have taken this achievement the most phlegmatically of all.

Probably the event that made the biggest impression on Riddle's youthful mind was the birth—in his own country of America—of the modern oil industry, in 1859. For oil brought in its train a whole breathless spate of innovations undreamed of in pre-petroleum times, and revolutionised in fact, the world's whole conception of life.

As a man of the soil, he must have stared in astonishment as the first oil-powered machines invaded the fields and the cotton crop began leaving for the warehouses in lorries instead of creaking wains.

And the drone of the first aeroplane must have sounded even more incredible. The shattering roar of some supersonic jet plane smashing the sound barrier cannot sound any more sensational to us than did the mutter of these early biplanes to Jack Riddle, nearly fifty years ago.

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We may wonder what he thought of the advent of the motion pictures as he saw Hollywood recreate dramas of that Civil War through which he lived and which won him his final freedom. And as an old man of nearly eighty, when the first World War ended, what were his thoughts then? Could he possibly have imagined that he would live through a second such holocaust or see the dawn of the new "Atomic Age"?

From painless petrol—and onward to nuclear energy—Jack Riddle watched the world progress through the smoke of his cornucopia pipe. Some inventions must have especially impressed him. The spread of electricity; the coming of the telephone, then of radio, then of television; the advances in medical technology; the ease and speed with which people could travel across continents or send a message to friends on the other side of the globe—these are things which, while now taken for granted, must have appeared staggering to someone born in the very early years of modern times.

Suppose some other baby, perhaps one even now lying snugly in its cot in some local nursery, lives to be as old as the ex-slave who has just died. What will he find in the year 2027? The answer may be almost frightening—but time alone will give it.

The Queen and the Monarchy—Chapter Two

THE SOVEREIGN'S ROYAL POWERS

By Sir Charles Petrie

THE British Constitution, as we have seen, is unwritten, which means that if it is to work properly there must of necessity be a certain amount of give and take in the relations of those concerned in its working, not least between the Crown and the Government of the day.

It would surprise a great many people if they were told what the Queen can do without consulting Parliament, and consequently without acting in any way illegally.

In theory she can declare war or make peace, and annex or surrender territory, without the consent of Parliament, but in practice her power is limited by the fact that only the House of Commons can impose taxation, and sooner or later any policy calls for an expenditure of money.

At the same time there has been no legal limitation to the power of the Crown since the reign of William III at the end of the 17th century, and that King led British armies in the field; while both he and his successor, Anne, took the chair at meetings of the Cabinet.

This latter practice was not abandoned for any political reason, but because George I did not understand English. The Queen still retains the right to veto a Bill, even if it has been passed by both Houses of Parliament, but this has not been done since the days of Anne, and drastic action of this sort would clearly never now be taken in normal circumstances.

Her Prerogatives

WHAT, then, is the Queen's effective power today? Apart from what has already been mentioned her prerogatives are the dissolution and convocation of Parliament, the dismissal and selection of Ministers, the creation of Peers, and the nomination to official appointments.

When, for example, the Prime Minister resigns the Sovereign calls on someone else to form a

Government, usually on the advice of the outgoing Premier.

It is to be noted, however, that this advice cannot be given unless it is asked, and it is not always asked. For example, when Gladstone resigned in 1894 he meant to recommend Sir William Harcourt as his successor, but Queen Victoria did not ask his advice and sent for Lord Rosebery.

More recently, in 1923, Mr. Bonar Law, then Prime Minister, was too ill when he resigned to discuss the question of his successor with King George V, but he sent a message advising him to consult Lord Balfour, which was accordingly done, with the result that Mr. Stanley Baldwin became Premier.

All the same the theory still is that the Sovereign has a free hand in these matters. If Mr. Churchill were to resign the Queen would presumably send for Mr. Eden as things are at present, but she would be quite within her rights if she asked either Mr. R.A. Butler or Sir David Maxwell Fyfe to form a Government.

The Queen would only be exceeding her powers if she appointed someone who could not get the backing of a majority in the House of Commons.

Important Part

It can thus be seen how important a part the Crown plays in the working of the Constitution, and how the Queen, in the event of a Prime Minister dying suddenly, might be called upon to make a decision fraught with the most serious consequences to her subjects both at home and overseas.

One of the great advantages of a monarchy over a republic is that it ensures continuity, and so reduces the risk of violent change. As Edmund Burke so well put it: "People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors," and of this national tradition a hereditary monarch is the outward and visible form.

Queen Victoria, for instance, owing to the accumulated experience of 40 many years, was able to exercise very considerable influence over her Ministers.

In the latter part of her life she could quote from personal experience precedents relating to events that had occurred before some of them were even born, and this gave her an enormous advantage in her dealings with them.

When Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, later Prime Minister, was Secretary of State for War in the nineties of last century he took some Army scheme to Queen Victoria for her approval, and explained that it was an entirely new one. "No, Mr. Bannerman," was the Queen's reply. "Lord Palmerston proposed exactly the same thing to me in

'52, and Lord Palmerston was wrong."

Having come to the throne so young Queen Elizabeth II will in due course acquire that same experience and breadth of view.

The main task of our new Queen, however, will not be to defend the prerogatives of the Crown, but to act as the guardian of the Constitution, and to see that it is observed in the spirit as well as in the letter. Whatever may have been the case in the past, the Throne is not now a danger to, but the protector of, the nation's liberties.

Above Parties

THE King's (or Queen's) Government must be carried on, as an old constitutional adage, and there have been times when the Sovereign has personally had to ensure that this was done. Such times may come again.

Perhaps the role of the Crown was best defined by that very experienced wearer of it, Elizabeth I, when she said: "To be a King and wear a crown is a thing more glorious to them that see it than it is pleasant to them that bear it. For myself, I was never so much enticed with the glorious name of King or Royal authority of a Queen, as delighted that God made me His instrument to maintain His truth and glory, and to defend this kingdom from peril, dishonour, tyranny, and oppression."

We may be sure that the great Queen's successor and namesake who reigns today regards her duties in exactly the same light.

The Crown is above the parties and their strife, and it is the responsibility of each succeeding monarch to see that it is kept there.

Coronation Splendour

EVER since the French discarded their monarchy, and there has in consequence no longer been a king of France to be crowned at Rheims with the time-honoured ceremonial of anoints, the Coronation of the British sovereigns has become an event unparalleled in the world.

When, on June 2 this year, this solemn ceremony was performed, it is safe to say that thousands from the ends of the earth.

There is no ceremony for the exaltation of man or woman in high office, that surpasses in solemnity and splendour of ritual the crowning of the sovereign of England in Westminster Abbey.

Down the ages many changes have been made in the ceremonial form of the British monarchy to fit the circumstances of the age, but the rites of Queen

Elizabeth's initiation will be the same as they were when Edward the Confessor and William the Conqueror were crowned in the 11th century.

The Coronation is not, as appears to be supposed in some quarters, just a public spectacle like the Royal Tournament or the ceremony of Trooping the Colour. It is essentially a religious service, and is conducted by the highest dignitaries of the Church of England, which is the established church of the country.

The great officers of State who assist at it are but servers and acolytes to the archbishops and bishops. It is the finest, perhaps the only, medieval pageantry in patriotism transfused with religion that survives in the present age.

Still Human

YET throughout the elaborate ceremonial there runs a recognition that the sovereign, if but a little lower than the angels, is still a human being, with personal feelings, opinions, and predilections, and subject to the commonest weaknesses of humanity, that is to say its tempers, whims, and caprices.

Thus these who are present at the service next June will hear professions of humility on the Queen's part as well as anthems of praise to her glorification.

Above all, there will be an insistence that she must bind herself by oath to her duty and responsibility towards her country; to govern the people according to the laws of the land; and to execute justice with mercy; prayers of intercession will also be offered up that she may be strengthened for the fulfilment of these obligations.

The Coronation, in fact, will be of the nature of a solemn covenant between the Queen and her people—one of devotion to their well-being on her part, and, in return, of loyalty on theirs.

In several places in the ceremony are to be found survivals from an earlier age; one of them recalls the ancient practice of popular election to the Throne.

The Presentation

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, wearing a cope of white and gold and accompanied by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, and Garter King at Arms, all in their respective robes, will stand beside the Queen and addressing the assembly in a loud voice, will say: "I here present unto you Elizabeth, the undoubted Queen of this Realm."

In answer there will come a tremendous shout: "God save Queen Elizabeth!" led by the boys of Westminster School, who for many generations have in this service played the part of

the crowd at a mediaeval Coronation.

This will be done four times, to the North, to the South, to the East, and to the West, while the Archbishop presents the Queen to the assembled company, who will greet her with acclamations, crying out: "God save Queen Elizabeth!"

There will probably be something in the neighbourhood of 5,000 people at the Queen's Coronation, and they will be as representative of all classes and callings as can possibly be.

Up to this century the attendance was socially somewhat restricted, but King Edward VII included representatives of the county councils, municipalities, trade unions, and friendly societies.

Of one thing we may be sure, and it is that the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. will be more dignified than that of some of her predecessors. At the crowning of George IV, for instance, the Chapel of Saint Edward came to resemble a snack-bar, for the altar was covered with plates of sandwiches and bottles, and at intervals in the service the King used to repair there for solid and liquid refreshment.

So recently as the Coronation of Queen Victoria the Bishop of Bath and Wells by mistake turned over two pages of his copy of the service; the error was not noticed until the Queen had retired to her waiting-room, when she had to return to the throne while the omitted part of the ceremony was transacted.

King's Champion

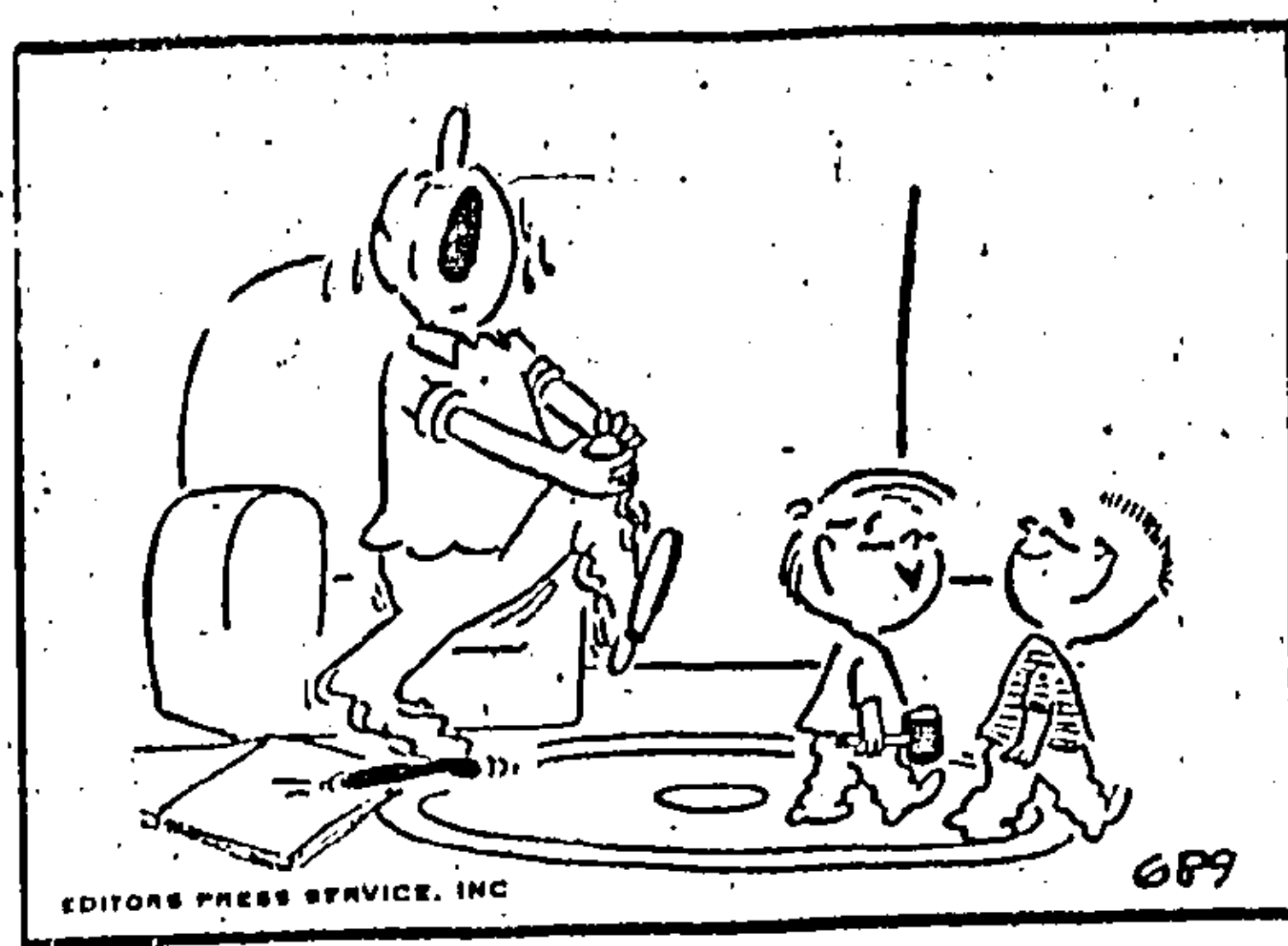
AT one time, too, there was a banquet in Westminster Hall after the Coronation, which the Sovereign attended, and where the King's Champion appeared on horseback to throw down the gauntlet to any who would challenge the recently crowned monarch's right to the throne. This banquet, however, was discontinued at the accession of Queen Victoria, as it was felt to be too much of an imposition on a young woman after a service which then lasted four hours.

One wonders, and millions will wonder next June, what is the feeling of the central figure in all this pageantry when it is once over, and when she returns to Buckingham Palace in the old State coach of glass and painted panels, drawn by the eight bay horses.

Certainly Queen Victoria was not puffed up with her own majesty. When she got back to the Palace she heard in the hall her favourite little spaniel barking with joy at the sight of her, whereupon she cried out: "Oh, there's Dash," and without waiting to take off the crown or her purple mantle she picked up the dog in her arms.

No doubt it was reaction from the strain of the almost unendurable splendour of the Coronation.

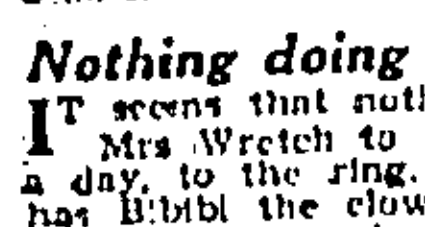
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A PATHETIC complaint that "There is something wrong with my eyes" emboldens me to reveal a secret process in use at Egg House, the headquarters of the egg-shuffling industry. The eggs of the egg-shuffler are bouncier than the rubber balls of the rubber ball shuffler. The eggs of the egg-shuffler are bouncier than the rubber balls of the rubber ball shuffler. The eggs of the egg-shuffler are bouncier than the rubber balls of the rubber ball shuffler.



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WEST			
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♠ 7 6 3 2	♥ K J 10 8	♦ A K Q 10 8 5	♣ 9
SOUTH (D)			
♠ A K 10 9	♥ A Q 10 8	♦ None	♣ Q 7 6 5
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 3			

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you begin to play a hand, you make some sort of plan; and, when the hand is not a lay-down, you probably have to hope that a certain opponent holds a key card or that a certain suit breaks in a particular way.

The plan and your hopes may change as you continue to play the hand, and if your plan is a good one you don't have to hope for very much.

The point is illustrated in the hand shown today, played by Larry Hirsch, who would be a famous bridge expert if he didn't waste so much time attending to his business as a dress manufacturer.

Larry began by hoping that East held the king of clubs and that the suit would break 3-2. After a few plays he didn't care about the break of the clubs, but just hoped that East held the king. And after a few more plays he didn't care how the suit broke nor who held the king.

West opened the three of diamonds, and declarer ruffed. It was at this moment that he wanted East to have two or three clubs headed by the king.

Instead of bawling about blindly on this assumption, Hirsch drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the top spades, and ruffed up the ten of spades. This set up the ten of spades, so that declarer no longer needed a club break; he just needed two club tricks.

Declarer returned to his hand by ruffing dummy's remaining diamond and cashed the ten of spades, discarding a low club from dummy. And now it didn't matter who held the king of clubs, since declarer could be sure that East held a singleton club at most.

West had opened the three of diamonds, which meant that West might have started with either four or five diamonds. (The lead was obviously fourth-best, and West obviously might not have the ace of diamonds as a fifth card to the suit.) Hence East had started with the rest of one diamond suit, either six or seven of them.

East had already followed to four spades and two trumps. Hence there was room in his hand for one club if he had only six diamonds; and for no clubs at all if he held seven diamonds. After working this out, Hirsch led a low club from his hand, prepared to play low from the dummy. If East won the trick, he would have to give declarer a ruff and a discard. If West won the trick, he would have to lead away from his king of clubs and give declarer a free finesse for the rest of the tricks.

Q—The bidding has been: West: North East South 1 ♦ 2 ♦ 3 ♦ 4 ♦ 5 ♦ 6 ♦ 7 ♦ 8 ♦ 9 ♦ 10 ♦ 11 ♦ 12 ♦ 13 ♦ 14 ♦ 15 ♦ 16 ♦ 17 ♦ 18 ♦ 19 ♦ 20 ♦ 21 ♦ 22 ♦ 23 ♦ 24 ♦ 25 ♦ 26 ♦ 27 ♦ 28 ♦ 29 ♦ 30 ♦ 31 ♦ 32 ♦ 33 ♦ 34 ♦ 35 ♦ 36 ♦ 37 ♦ 38 ♦ 39 ♦ 40 ♦ 41 ♦ 42 ♦ 43 ♦ 44 ♦ 45 ♦ 46 ♦ 47 ♦ 48 ♦ 49 ♦ 50 ♦ 51 ♦ 52 ♦ 53 ♦ 54 ♦ 55 ♦ 56 ♦ 57 ♦ 58 ♦ 59 ♦ 60 ♦ 61 ♦ 62 ♦ 63 ♦ 64 ♦ 65 ♦ 66 ♦ 67 ♦ 68 ♦ 69 ♦ 70 ♦ 71 ♦ 72 ♦ 73 ♦ 74 ♦ 75 ♦ 76 ♦ 77 ♦ 78 ♦ 79 ♦ 80 ♦ 81 ♦ 82 ♦ 83 ♦ 84 ♦ 85 ♦ 86 ♦ 87 ♦ 88 ♦ 89 ♦ 90 ♦ 91 ♦ 92 ♦ 93 ♦ 94 ♦ 95 ♦ 96 ♦ 97 ♦ 98 ♦ 99 ♦ 100 ♦ 101 ♦ 102 ♦ 103 ♦ 104 ♦ 105 ♦ 106 ♦ 107 ♦ 108 ♦ 109 ♦ 110 ♦ 111 ♦ 112 ♦ 113 ♦ 114 ♦ 115 ♦ 116 ♦ 117 ♦ 118 ♦ 119 ♦ 120 ♦ 121 ♦ 122 ♦ 123 ♦ 124 ♦ 125 ♦ 126 ♦ 127 ♦ 128 ♦ 129 ♦ 130 ♦ 131 ♦ 132 ♦ 133 ♦ 134 ♦ 135 ♦ 136 ♦ 137 ♦ 138 ♦ 139 ♦ 140 ♦ 141 ♦ 142 ♦ 143 ♦ 144 ♦ 145 ♦ 146 ♦ 147 ♦ 148 ♦ 149 ♦ 150 ♦ 151 ♦ 152 ♦ 153 ♦ 154 ♦ 155 ♦ 156 ♦ 157 ♦ 158 ♦ 159 ♦ 160 ♦ 161 ♦ 162 ♦ 163 ♦ 164 ♦ 165 ♦ 166 ♦ 167 ♦ 168 ♦ 169 ♦ 170 ♦ 171 ♦ 172 ♦ 173 ♦ 174 ♦ 175 ♦ 176 ♦ 177 ♦ 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CROSSWORD

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1 Diamond Double 3 Heart ?
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-
7-5-2, Heart 4, Diamonds 6-
Clubs A-9-7-5-2. What do you
do?

A—Bid two spades. You are
willing, and eager, to bid game
opposite the sort of strength
needed for a takeout double.
This jump bid is forcing, assum-
ing that your partner has not
seriously overestimated his strength
with his double.

Quarterly Boxing Ratings

NBA FOLLOWS THROUGH ON JOEY MAXIM WITH A VERBAL KNOCKOUT

Washington, Jan. 5.

Last month Archie Moore took away Joey Maxim's lightweight title on a decision. Today the National Boxing Association, in its quarterly ratings, followed through on Maxim with a verbal knockout.

Normally a Champion who gets felled slips down a notch to become the No. 1 challenger. But the NBA decided Maxim isn't a logical contender at all.

It rates Harold Johnson of Pennsylvania and Harry Matthews of Washington as one-two behind Moore.

Maxim wound up merely "outstanding boxer."

The action pointed up the NBA's chronic dissatisfaction with Maxim. Repeatedly it has criticized him for his reluctance to put his title on the line. And it particularly used some harsh words about Maxim because of his slowness in signing to meet Moore.

By contrast, the NBA puts Joe Walcott right behind the man who took away his heavyweight title, Rocky Marciano. And Randy Turpin, who once held the middleweight title briefly, was put in the No. 1 spot for the Championship left vacant by Sugar Ray Robinson's retirement.

A GOOD IDEA

The NBA said it would be a good idea for Turpin, who is an Englishman, to fight Charles Humez of France. The winner then could be matched with the winner of a U.S. tournament for the world's title.

A favorite with television fans, Chuck Davey of Michigan, is coming along fine with the NBA, too, although maybe not quite so rapidly. It rated Johnny Saxton of New York, Johnny Bratten of Illinois, and then Davey as the logical contenders for the welterweight title now held by Cuba's Kid Gavilan.

In announcing its final report card for 1952, the NBA said its Executive Committee will meet in New York this week-end to study the possibility of setting up new fight classifications.

Final consideration: A junior lightweight class. The Massachusetts Boxing Commission has suggested that Tommy Collins of Boston and Lingo Salas, former lightweight champion, be matched for the Championship of the proposed division. Collins recently dropped out of an NBA featherweight tournament because he had trouble making the weight limit.

The final ratings:

FINAL RATINGS:

Heavyweight
Champion—Rocky Marciano, Massachusetts.
Logical contenders—Joe Walcott, New Jersey; Charles Humez, France; Ray Leno, Utah.
Outstanding boxers—Roland Lasterza, New York; Clarence Henry, California; Johnny Williams, England.

Light Heavyweight
Champion—Archie Moore, Missouri.
Logical contenders—Harold Johnson, Pennsylvania; Harry Matthews, Washington.
Outstanding boxers—Joe Maxim, Ohio; Danny Nardico, Florida; Yolande Pompeo, Trinidad; Jack La Motta, New York; Jimmy Slade, New York; Connie Ritz, Germany.

Middleweight
Champion—Vacant.
Logical contenders—Randy Turpin, England; Carl (Bobo) Olson, Hawaii; Charles Humez, France.

Outstanding boxers—Ernie Durando, New Jersey; Rocky Castellani, Pennsylvania; Norman Hayes, Massachusetts.

Eugene Histraton, New York; Ralph (Tiger) Jones, New York.

Welterweight
Champion—Kid Gavilan, Cuba.
Logical contenders—Johnny Saxton, New York; Johnny Bratten, Illinois; Chuck Davey, Michigan.
Outstanding boxers—Billy Graham, New York; Bobby Dykes, Florida; Gil Turner, Pennsylvania.

Lightweight
Champion—Jimmy Carter, New York.
Logical contenders—Johnny Gonsalves, California; George Arujo, Rhode Island.
Outstanding boxers—Virgil Atkins, Missouri; Arthur King, Canada; Joe Brown, Louisiana; Lauro Salas, Mexico.

Featherweight
Champion—Sandy Saddler (now in the Army).
Logical contenders—Ray Farnham, France; Percy Bassett, Pennsylvania; Tommy Collins, Massachusetts; Willie Pep, Connecticut.
Outstanding boxers—Glen Flanagan, Minnesota; Frederico Plummer, Panama; Ted (Red Top) Davis, Connecticut.

Bantamweight
Champion—Jimmy Carruthers, Australia.
Logical contenders—Vic Towell, South Africa; Maurice Sandeyron, France; Gaetano Annaloro, Italy.

Outstanding boxers—Pappy Gault, South Carolina; Jean Sneyers, France; Peter Keenan, Scotland; Andrew Vailgnat, France; Giannini Zudas, Italy.

Flyweight
Champion—Yoshio Shirai, Japan.
Logical contender—Jake Tull, South Africa.
Outstanding boxers—Dado Marino, Hawaii; Terry Allen, England; Vic Herman, Scotland; Luis Skema, France; Jimmy Campo, Philippines; Tammy Pearce, England—Associated Press.

Teams Chosen For Matches Against Singapore

Two teams for games against a Singapore XI this month and the dates for an Austrian team's matches in Hongkong in February were chosen at a meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday.

Mr C. S. Wang presided. The Sub-Committee also considered information that Queen's Park would not be able to come to Hongkong until after May 16 and the Middlesex Wanderers not until May or June.

Both propositions being unacceptable owing to the late dates, the Sub-Committee decided that the last week of April be allotted to an Indonesian team. Hongkong will play against a visiting Austrian team on February 14, 16 and 17.

Hongkong will play its first game against Singapore on the Club Ground at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 24. The players chosen to represent the Colony being:

Cheong Koon-hing (Kitchener), Aimar (Klub), Lau Yee (South China), Tang Sum (I.C.M.B.), Kim Yui-hwan (Kwong Wah), Tong Shung (South China), Ho Ying-fun (Eastern), Lee Yui-tak (South China), Gardner (Club), Lee Tai-fai (K.M.B.), Mok Chun-wah (South China).

The team for the second game against Singapore follows: Pau King-yin (South China), Hau Yung-sang (Singapore), S. S.

CHINESE POLICE RECRUITS TO PLAY RUGBY

What is believed to be the first publicly played rugby football game between two Chinese sides will take place tomorrow at the Hongkong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, when two Police teams meet.

The fifteen will be a Cantonese team composed of recruits who recently passed out of the Police Training Depot and a Wei Hui Wei team. The latter players are still undergoing instruction at the Depot.

They have been trained by Sub-Inspector P.A. English, physical training instructor at the school. The game is due to start at 4 p.m.

Two New Caps In England's Rugby Team

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London, Jan. 5.

England's team to play Wales in the Rugby Union International at Cardiff on January 17 includes two new caps.

They are fly-half M. Regan of Liverpool, and M.A. Labuschagne, the Harlequins forward.

After two not very conclusive trials the selectors have retained ten of the players who took part in the concluding international fixture of last season.

N.M. Hall of Richmond gets his place at full-back instead of fly-half as last year, and he retains the captaincy.

The team: N.M. Hall (Richmond), Bazley (Waterloo), L.B. Carmel (St Mary's Hospital), A.E. Agar (Harlequins), J.E. Woodward (Wasps), M. Regan (Liverpool), P.W. Sykes (Wasps), W.R. Holmes (Nuneham), N.A. Labuschagne (Harlequins), R.V. Stirling (Royal Air Force and Leicester), C.J. Adkins (Coventry), D.T. Wilkins (Royal Navy and United Services, Portsmouth), D.F. White (Northampton), J.M. Kendall-Carpenter (Bath) and A.O. Lewis (Bath).

Labuschagne, the Hooker, is a South African who has appeared for Western Province and was in the running for inclusion in the Springbok team which visited Britain last winter. He is a student at Guy's Hospital, London.—Reuter.

British Amateur Boxer To Fight In Bombay

London, Jan. 5.

The Amateur Boxing Association have given permission to Terry Wakeling of Lorn Reading Club to fly to India at the end of this month for two special contests with Ron Wilmer and Peter Prince of the Rangers Club, Bombay.

The visit has been arranged by Mr. Terry Adams, Deputy Commissioner of Police in Bombay, who is also Secretary of the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation.—Press.

CROSS COUNTRY IN PARIS



The start of the first national cross country race of the season in the Bois de Boulogne, Paris. — Express Photo.

George Whiting's Column

So Much Depends On Going To The Dogs

They are going to start building a new 20,000-capacity athletics track in Manchester in the New Year. I doubt if this red-hot item of 1953 news will create a sensation in Surbiton, a riot in Romford, or a breach of the peace in Purley—but it presents a facet of sport that some of our snottier gamesmen seem to regard with a delicate crinkling of their patrician noses.

For the money to build this Lancashire track comes from greyhound racing, a "spectator-sport" not always accorded its proper mead of appreciation by those who find no personal attraction in the intricacies of Trap One.

But for greyhounds, this country might never have been able to have staged the 1948 Olympic Games, the Cup Final and our top international athletics might still be taking place at Stamford Bridge, the Amateur Boxing Association championships would assuredly have been "staying put" at the less capacious Albert Hall.

At Wembley Pool and Stadium, at the White City and at Harringway, it is greyhound racing that pays the wages and the piper—and provides facilities for sports far removed in concept and performance from "the dogs."

THE CALENDAR.....

Look at the 1953 calendar.... Wembley will be offering soccer enthusiasts the Cup Final, the Amateur Cup Final, England v Scotland, England v Rest of the World, and a schoolboy international match.

Add to these two championship meetings for amateur boxers, England v Belgium at women's hockey, the Rugby League Cup Final, table tennis championships, professional tennis, another basket-ball visit from the Harlem Globetrotters, plus the usual gamut of speedway and ice-hockey. And if none of these tickles your sporting appetite you can have Chu Chin Chow on ice.

Concurrently, the White City will offer the International Horse Show, a military tattoo, a cavalcade of sport, sheep trials, at least one big fight, the Caledonian Games, the AAA (Amateur Athletic Association) Championships, and the Women's AAA Championships.

Harringway's 1953 programme includes more fights, the Horse of the Year show, wrestling championships, and it is hoped,

NINE DRAGONS TOURNAYS

The following teams will meet in the December-January series of table-tennis competitions in matches to be played at the Nine Dragons Services Club on Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m.:

Table Tennis: 50 Coy RASC "B" (Amateurs); 50 Sqn RASC v 23 Gen Hospital "B".

Entries for the February competitions should be submitted by Saturday, January 31. The first round will be played at the Club on Thursday, February 5. Teams consist of six players each. Prizes will be awarded to each member of the winning team. There is no entrance fee for either competition.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Results in the First and Second rounds of the Junior Championship were as follows:

First Round

R.R. Davies beat A.R. de Pinna—3/2.
J.D. Bell beat T.R. MacLean—4/2.
J. Linaker lost to W.L.T. Crunden—7/9.
J. Vaughan lost to R.E. Rodger—3/9.
J. Dickson Leach lost to R.P. Moodie—5/9.
A.O. Dunn lost to D.H. Hyde—1 up.
J.R. Leitch beat H.O.L. Clapham—4/2.
J.L. MacIntyre beat R.R. Coombe—2/1.

Second Round

R.R. Davies lost to R.D. Bell—3/5.
W.L.T. Crunden beat R.E. Rodger—7/9.
R.P. Moodie beat D.H. Hyde—4/2.
J.R. Leitch lost to J.L. MacIntyre—5/9.
Semi-final matches to be played on Sunday are:
R.D. Bell v W.L.T. Crunden at 2.15 p.m.
R.P. Moodie v J.L. MacIntyre at 4.15 p.m.
A match between winners and losers is scheduled for 1.15 p.m.

THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Chance For The Bright Boys On S. American Tour

By W. CAPEL KIRBY & DAVID JACK

There'll be plenty of room for England "B" (for bright) boys on the close season international tour of Argentina and Chile. In addition to the present favoured XI there will be places in the party for seven others—but there is a big question mark against the name of Sheffield Wednesday's young headliner, Albert Quixall.

In a month's time, Quixall puts up RAMC flashes and, remembering the storm of abuse heaped on Whitehall officials by indignant parents when cricketer Brian Close toured Australia, we don't think the Football Association will risk a similar outburst by selecting Quixall.

Accents is on adaptability, which places Joe Kennedy, Don Roper, Dennis Wilshaw and Arthur Rowley high on the list.

First match in the girls' snooker championship at Burroughes Hall, London, is between 12-year-old Teresa Fenton (Liverpool) and 14-year-old Vanessa Sharpe, of Warwick. Vanessa's hobby is ballroom dancing while her opponent is a conchologist. That we are reliably informed, is a collector of shells—marine, not military.

Theme song of Lincoln City has been changed this season to "The Lincolnshire Poacher" to "Blaydon Races." Five members of the Lincoln XI—Graham, Wright, Lowery, Graver and Kerr—are former Newcastle United players.

NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED

Nottingham Forest took no chances with Chas Kenderline, Sheffield University skipper. They signed him on amateur terms three days before the televised match in Glasgow between England and Scottish variables.

They need not have worried, because although Kenderline lives in Derby, he wouldn't sign for anybody but Forest.

One of Soccer's best uncapped goalkeepers, George Swindin, is talking about retiring this season. And it's long odds on Joe Mercer also waving goodbye to his Highbury pals.

West Bromwich Albion are prepared to pay five figures for a goal-getting inside forward, but find clubs shy of parting before the Cup-ties. One bid, turned down flat by Barnsley, was for "Tommy Fowler," famed by a number of First Division clubs.

"Tommy doesn't want to go, we don't want him to go, so why should he?" said manager Angus Seed.

Career of Notts County centre-forward Ken McPherson—Derek Dooley's double in appearance and football—follows a similar pattern to that of the Hillsborough block-buster.

STEWARDS' FINDING On Prestwood

The Secretary of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Major H. Miles, has issued the following statement on the Stewards' findings on the running of the Clear Water Bay Handicap last Saturday:

"Mr F. Noodt, the rider of Hurricane objected to Mr H. C. Woo, the rider of Prestwood for crossing."

The Stewards objected to Mr H. C. Woo for crossing Tonyber.

Having heard the evidence of Messrs Noodt, Woo and Chung, riders, and Messrs Robinson, Brittan Evans and Colonel Bix, observers, the Stewards overruled Mr Noodt's objection, but disqualified Prestwood for crossing Tonyber.

They directed that Mr Noodt's deposit be returned to him.



S. AFRICANS FORCE DRAW WITH NSW

Sydney, Jan. 5.

The South African cricketers forced a draw after being in danger of an innings defeat today in the return match with New South Wales.

The tourists, who followed on 220 runs behind on Saturday when they scored 198 in reply to the New South Wales total of 418 for seven declared, held out today to reach 221 for seven in their second innings before stumps were drawn.

New South Wales, the Sheffield Shield champions, won the previous match against the South Africans by five wickets.

Endean batted placidly and scored 59 in three hours and six minutes without hitting a four. He was one of three batsmen who fell after lunch to the new ball taken by Miller and Lindwall. Miller took the wickets of Endean and Norton for no runs, while McLean was caught off Lindwall. All three wickets fell during the space of two runs.

Miller finished with three for 40.

HELPED SAVE MATCH

Murray, used for the first time as an opening bat, helped South Africa save the match. Continuing his overnight stand with Endean, he batted well until a smart return by Davidson cut short a promising innings. The opening pair had put on 87.

With the third Test starting on Friday, Lindwall and Miller did not appear to exert themselves.

Ian Craig, the 17-year-old player who had 213 not out in the New South Wales innings, brought off a brilliant catch, holding a drive from James at silly mid-on before lunch.

After the new ball spell by Miller and Lindwall, Cheetham and Keith brightened up the proceedings, by adding 74 in quick time.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appley



SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Contributed by Desmond Hackett, Robert Findlay and Henry Rose. Edited by Marshall Fallows)

The manager's life is not always a happy one, judging by these reports:

Manager No. 1 is having director trouble that will probably put him out of his job before the end of the season.

Manager No. 2 at a club which is split over the team selection looks as though he is going to lose his point.

A player plan that failed dims the 1953 outlook of Manager No. 3.

The Army of today's all right... ask George Francis, 18-year-old centre forward of Brentford Juniors, stationed in Germany.

In six months Francis has grown an inch and put on weight—no more stands 5ft 8½ins and tips 12 stone.

This bustling player has a goal tally of 50 in Army Soccer. His marksmanship has been noted by Brentford who will offer him professional terms.

Remember Hugh Billington, inside forward of Chelsea and Luton?

Billington has been cracking a lot of goals for Worcester City... now he is returning to Luton to take over a public house.

More trouble for Chelsea manager Ted Drake. Second victim of enticement trouble when season is Sid Bathgate, who will have an operation soon. Jimmy Lee was the first.

Ted reckons he adds a further line to his foreboding every time this cartilage trouble crops up.

Listen to this praise of Eddie Baily by a 'Spurs' colleague:

"He is still the finest inside forward in the four counties. And how any England side can afford to leave him out, after his brilliant showing against Austria in Vienna last summer, is a mystery."

"He does what no other inside forward even attempts to do—keeps the moving ball moving."

ALTERATIONS TO JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION

The following are the alterations to the Classification List of the Hongkong Jockey Club:

To Class 4: Larc Triumphant from Class 3 and Treasureland from Class 7.

To Class 7: Boom Town from Class 8.

To Class 8: Armament from Class 7; Fortuna from Class 10B; Rowancliff from Class 7.

To Class 9: Eudora from Class 6; Fortune Teller from Class 10B; Gladiolus from Class 10A; May Blossom from Class 8.

To Class 10A: Dixie Bell from Class 10B; and Wonderful Girl from Class 10B.

Indian Cricketers Arrive In Trinidad

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Jan. 5.

The Indian cricketers arrived here this morning and were accorded a grand ovation by West Indies cricket officials as well as Indians headed by the High Commissioner, Mr Sahay.

Vijay Hazare, who has always played for India in spite of

being a professional in the Lancashire League, will seek the Indian Cricket Board's permission to play as a professional in the West Indies. It was understood from reliable sources today.

No stigma whatsoever attaches to Hazare's reported decision as Indian cricketers have always looked upon amateurs and professionals on an equal footing as proven by professional Vinoo Mankad's appointment as Vice-Captain of this team.

If Hazare's decision is given effect, he will be the first professional to lead India, following Len Hutton as the second ever professional Test captain.

Besides Vinoo Mankad, there are two other professionals on the side—Dattu Phadkar and Polly Umrigar—France-Press.

Two days after the hearing the United are due at Newport for the third round Cup tie.

Impressive form of Johnny Kirkwood, 18-year-old Scottish-born goalkeeper for Reading reserves, makes it a safe bet that he will soon be making the grade in Third Division football.

Kirkwood was a Ted Drake discovery.

(London Express Service)

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPORTS

St Joseph's College yesterday held its 31st annual athletic sports meet at Caroline Hill Stadium, at the conclusion of which Mrs D. McLellan, wife of the Senior Inspector of Schools, distributed prizes to the winners.

The meet was a most successful one and many of last year's times were bettered, especially in the Senior events. Leung Kam-bah, the 1952 Senior Champion, for instance, improved on last year's times in the 400, 800 and 1,500 metres events, which he won easily.

The Inter-Class Senior Championship Shield was won by Form 4C; the Junior Championship Shield by Form 1D; and the Midget Championship Shield by Form 1B. The three trophies were presented by the Director, Rev. Bro Raphael.

THE RESULTS

The full results, with last year's times and distances in brackets, follow:

100 Metres (Senior): 1. J. Colla, 12.1 sec (12.4 sec); 2. H. Collins, 13.1 sec (13.5 sec); 3. Y. Young, 12.5 sec (12.8 sec).

400 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 2.10 sec (2.15 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 2.15 sec (2.20 sec); 3. H. Hung, 2.20 sec (2.25 sec).

800 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 4.20 sec (4.25 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 4.25 sec (4.30 sec); 3. H. Hung, 4.30 sec (4.35 sec).

1,500 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 8.40 sec (8.45 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 8.45 sec (8.50 sec); 3. H. Hung, 8.50 sec (8.55 sec).

500 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 1.40 sec (1.45 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 1.45 sec (1.50 sec); 3. H. Hung, 1.50 sec (1.55 sec).

1,000 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 2.80 sec (2.85 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 2.85 sec (2.90 sec); 3. H. Hung, 2.90 sec (2.95 sec).

200 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 0.40 sec (0.45 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 0.45 sec (0.50 sec); 3. H. Hung, 0.50 sec (0.55 sec).

400 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 0.80 sec (0.85 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 0.85 sec (0.90 sec); 3. H. Hung, 0.90 sec (0.95 sec).

800 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 1.60 sec (1.65 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 1.65 sec (1.70 sec); 3. H. Hung, 1.70 sec (1.75 sec).

1,500 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 3.20 sec (3.25 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 3.25 sec (3.30 sec); 3. H. Hung, 3.30 sec (3.35 sec).

500 Metres (Junior): 1. Hung Chi-kee, 0.80 sec (0.85 sec); 2. Lam Chung-tai, 0.85 sec (0.90 sec); 3. H. Hung, 0.90 sec (0.95 sec).

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MINOR LEAGUE REVIEW

ROOKIE PANDAS DEFEAT LEAGUE-LEADERS 9-8 TO FORCE TRIPLE TIE

By "KEYSTONE"

Robert Yung's rookie Pandas achieved another notable triumph in shading the surprised veteran Dodgers 9-8 last Saturday to throw the Junior Division Championship race wide open. Three teams now share the coveted top position in the Minor loop, with the Dodgers, Pandas and Griffins running neck to neck as this Division swings into final round play.

The young Blackhaws kept sharp watch on the three front-running teams, hovering close on their heels after a brief skirmish with the Gunners of the plucky but luckless 35 Bantams outfit.

Regular tournament play closed in the Ladies' circuit with the Pool To schoolgirls splitting a double-header over the week-end against South China and the invincible Wahoes respectively. The Championship play-off series in this Division will commence this coming week-end, when the first round of the Junior Championship series will also begin.

Alex Eusebio drew first blood for the Dodgers against the Pandas when he parried a free base off the sold arm of Clyde Kwok, then stole second and third in quick succession to lay his opponent out. The following batter grounded to third for a routine out, but Eusebio beat the relay home from first to give the plate its initial denting of the afternoon.

Shortstop Onofre Souza got to first with a tricky bunt-hit, and also scrambled all the way down to scoring position on third on successive pitches. But Pandas' chucker Clyde Kwok, then zeroed in on the plate, striking out clean-up batter P. Boudet, and forcing J. Azavedo to fly out to halt further scoring.

The peppy Pandas caught up and tied the score in the second inning when Thomas Wu got on first through an infield error and was sacrificed down to third, finally crossing the plate when Dodgers hurler David Vieira unleashed a bad pitch that eluded the catcher.

FORGED AHEAD

The Panda Cubs forged ahead in the exciting third inning when lead-off man Gary Yung drew a base on balls and was pushed to third by hindsnatcher Billy Kee's line-drive to right, but he was erased for the first out by a snappy cut-off play at third.

Charles Leung also drew a walk, then with runners on second and first, pitcher Clyde Kwok stepped into one coming down the middle and dumped it into center to score Kee and advance Leung to third. Leung scored on Thomas Wu's infield grounder, and Kenneth Tsang was thumped out for the final down of the inning when he just stood there and watched three pitches sail past him over the middle of the plate.

Fred Diest's base came back strongly in the fourth and fifth innings, scoring one and five runs on two hits only to snatch back the lead by a seemingly safe margin of four runs.

Benny Eusebio slipped the spheroid into deep centre, then stole second. On a subsequent steal down to third, the ball was thrown in the dirt and Eusebio crossed the rubber standing up.

Five unearned runs chalked up in the luteal fifth seemed to assure the Dodgers of another comfortable victory, when they went into their old bunt and run act to throw the Pandas infield into a tizzy.

TOOTH AND NAIL

The Cubs fought back tooth and nail in their turn at the plate, starting up two tallies to haul the Dodgers back within striking distance. Billy Kee landed on second base when his grounder was heaved wild to first by the shortstop, and advanced to the scoring perch on third when Charles Leung belted one through the hot corner. Kee brought one run in on a selder's choice by the following batter, while Leung scored on a wild pitch.

The Bearcats had their big inning in the sixth, however, Sonny Honnball opening up things in fine style with a clothes-line drive into centre and reaching second when the next pitch was fumbled by the catcher.

Pitch-hitter Ricardo Yung, although offering the tallest target of them all to the Dodgers' pitcher, was passed to first on four faulty pitches.

Garry Yen then laid down a sacrifice bunt which was pegged wildly over the first baseman's head to score both runners and land Yen on second.

final time at bat, the Cubs clamped down hard and disposed of the heaviest Dodgers' bats in one-two-three order to gain a well-merited victory.

The usually streak-hitting Pandas enjoyed sweet revenge on opposing pitcher David Vieira who had previously racked up the current season's first no-hit no-run game of their expense.

The Chinese lads jumped on his pitches for a total of six hits against the heavy swinging Dodgers' four.

Billy Kee and Charles Leung led the Pandas attack with two hits each in three trips to the plate, while the Dodgers were limited to four well-scattered blows by the smooth pitching of hurler Clyde Kwok.

A FIELD DAY

Rennie Barretto's hard-hitting young Blackhaws had a field day against the dithered Bantams on the far diamond, running up a lopsided 10-5 score on a series of long-distance blows.

Hero of the game was Hawks' catcher F. Khan who knocked up three hits in four trips to the dish, including two round-trippers. Shortstop H. Nunes also shared honours with a home-run in the precious fourth inning when the Hawks tallied four times.

Dave Cooper's boys managed to bunch two hits in the first and fourth stanzas to score two and three runs respectively, but were blanked in all other innings.

The never-say-die Gunners are picking up the rudiments of the game fast and, once they have learned to curb the tendency to swing wildly at every pitch offered, should be able to blast some of the over-cocky teams from their higher perches in this Division.

In Saturday's lone distaff League fixture, the Pool To schoolgirls thrashed South China 17-2 to even up for a stunning first-round defeat. First baseman Y. M. Lee and centrefielder A. Hon each smacked out a four-pitch blow in the fifth inning, which blended with two other hits to produce a five-run Pool To rout.

A home-run by pitcher May Wu was in deadly form, striking out seven South China batters and granting only one free base. After "delayed action" pitches kept Ella Chinn's girls guessing for seven full innings, during which they were moved down with clock-work precision.

The only Nam Wah batters who connected safely were second-sacker E. Chan who bunted in

Melbourne's Olympic Stadium Will Cost A£1,100,000

Melbourne, Jan. 5.

Sponsors will really "get cracking" on preparations for the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games when construction begins on a huge prize-winning stadium in February.

When ground is broken, the ceremony will signal the actual commencement of work after years of national controversy, on a circular stadium incorporating numerous new ideas. Cost is estimated at A£1,100,000 (US\$2,460,000).

The prize for the design of the stadium, for which construction contracts have already been let, was won by a young Melbourne architect, Frank Heath, and his small team of progressive-minded assistants. Heath triumphed over 114 other entrants in a national competition for a prize of some A£2,000 (US\$4,500) in architect's fees.

Under consideration is an "Olympic Village", inspired by Helsinki's example, to relieve acute housing problem for the Games. Sponsors of the 1956 event are also seeking ways and means to improve Melbourne's hotel position.

Actual construction will probably begin immediately after the arrival from London of E. J. "Billy" Holt, Secretary of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, who will remain in Melbourne as a Technical Director at a salary of A£2,500 a year (US\$5,500) until the end of the Games.

A special Working Committee is now developing plans for

SQUASH MATCH

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IMPACT WILL BE DELAYED

Melbourne, Jan. 5.

The full impact of the two-year drought, which is at present breaking in the Northern Territory, will not be felt in the Australian meat industry for two to four years, said a noted meat authority, Sir William Angell, today.

Although the recent rains in the North are encouraging, monsoon rains still have to come, he added.

A million head of cattle have probably been lost in Queensland, Northern Territory. The final drought toll will remain unknown until musters at the end of the year.—United Press.

'Pick-a-back' Plane Firm Wind-Up

London, Jan. 5.

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The Mayo Composite Aircraft Co., the company formed in 1935 to exploit Major Mayo's invention, have now decided on voluntary winding-up.

Hoverplane Service

Brussels, Jan. 5.

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Mineral Production A Record

Ottawa, Jan. 5.
Canadian mineral production in 1952 soared to a new all-time peak of \$928,000,000, the Bureau of Statistics said today.

A gain of 2.6 per cent over the 1951 figure was made because of outstanding increases in production of crude petroleum, asbestos, cement and iron ore which outweighed declines in the production of gold, nickel, copper, zinc and lead.

The Bureau said the total value of all metals last year was estimated at \$728,000,000 compared with \$745,000,000 in 1951, a drop of 2.3 per cent.

Gold production in 1952 totalled 4,419,000 ounces, the Bureau estimated, compared with an output of 4,392,000 ounces in 1951, but the value was down because of the exchange rate on the dollar. The output of crude petroleum increased to 61,000,000 barrels during the year, compared with production of 59,000,000 in 1951.—United Press.

ANGLO-IRANIAN STOCK ISSUE

London, Jan. 5.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company announced the issue of £20,000,000 worth of five per cent debenture stock to help pay for a big programme of capital expenditure.

The company, in which the British Government now holds 51 per cent of the share, plans to spend £75,000,000 during 1953 on the first stages of a programme for the extension of existing refineries, constructing new refineries and building new oil tankers.—Associated Press.

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Japanese Cars Being Exported To Formosa

Tokyo, Jan. 5. Japanese color-car manufacturers are developing overseas markets, particularly in Formosa and Thailand, according to industry circles. Statistics revealed that shipments to Formosa, which were very small until July, recorded a steady rise—thereafter Formosa brought 38 vehicles in August, 40 in September, 42 in October, and 83 in November. Meanwhile, the Indonesian market remains undeveloped for motor-car manufacturers, but the latter believe that there is a possibility for improvement.—France-Press.

Ceylon Chamber's Request

Colombo, Jan. 5. The Chamber of Commerce of Ceylon has asked the Prime Minister, Mr. Dudley Senanayake, to reserve trade with dollar and European Payments Union countries for Ceylonese imports.

At present trade with Western Germany and Japan is restricted to Ceylonese imports only.

The Chamber suggests in a memorandum that the Government's objective of ceylonizing the trade can best be achieved by a Trade Regulation Act and that the existing machinery for import control can be utilized to reserve trade with dollar and EPU countries for Ceylonese imports.

The Chamber states that a firm should not be regarded as Ceylonese unless at least 51 per cent of the shares are held by Ceylonese and 75 per cent of the employees are Ceylonese.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Ceylon has a two-point plan to assist Ceylonese to get a greater share of the island's export trade. It has a scheme to give credit facilities to solve one of the greatest handicaps Ceylonese now experience.

It has written to the Government regarding this proposal. Under this scheme, the Bank will take charge of stocks intended for export and store them in its own godowns. The second point in the Bank's plan is to make sure that Ceylonese exporters will not ruin Ceylon's prestige by sending out inferior quality produce, as some of them now do. It will grade the commodities delivered to its godowns.—United Press.

Australian Wool Experts For India

Lucknow, Jan. 5. Two Australians are to help Uttar Pradesh State to build up their sheep and wool industry in the strategic hill areas adjoining Tibet.

An official source said these experts, the first Australians to be engaged in this undertaking in India, will introduce improved breeds of sheep imported from Australia. They will also impart breeding "know-how" to the 30,000 Bhotias living on the Uttar Pradesh border. The Bhotias mainly depend on wool import trade from Tibet to make a living.

Methods of shearing and marketing of wool are other specialised subjects which these experts are expected to deal with in carrying the technical knowledge from Australia to the remote corners of the northern frontiers of India.

They are to arrive here shortly under the auspices of the Technical Assistance Administration of the Food and Agricultural Organisation.

Another Australian, R. K. Runc, has already joined the FAO team in Uttar Pradesh to assist the State Government in manufacturing spare parts of field equipment and in giving training in electrical and gas-welding practices.—United Press.

Yugoslav-Greek Trade Pact

Istanbul, Jan. 5. A trade agreement between Greece and Yugoslavia for exchange of goods totalling US\$40,000,000 is to be signed on January 12 at Ankara, the Turkish Economic Minister, Mr. Enver Gurull, revealed today. He added that the Yugoslav Minister of Commerce would shortly visit Belgrade to draw up plans for extending the agreement. The Minister also said that exchanges between Greece and Turkey might be developed shortly.—France-Press.

Outlook For The New Year Analysed

(By NORMAN CRUMP)

London. It always seems a little hard that each year the Christmas post includes an assortment of letters demanding income tax of various kinds.

One cannot help feeling that the authorities ought to be able to manage things better. In the same way the Chancellor himself may feel that it is hard on him to have to find a little matter of \$138 million towards the American debt together with a further \$38 million for Canada.

Yet there it is, and the burden upon the Exchequer is about £63 million.

This money, of course, is payable in the creditors' currencies, and so it is bound to affect our gold and dollar reserves.

Fortunately October and November were relatively good months, during which we gained \$210 million.

In December we have received \$80 million in gold as the result of our November dealings with the European Payments Union.

Nor is there any reason to fear that our general December trade has been too unfavourable.

The upshot is that despite the debt payments to America and Canada, we should end the year with more gold and dollars in our reserves than we had three months before.

JAPANESE RUMOURS

This is a comforting thought, so far as it goes, but the outlook for international trade and finance is far from clear.

The fears that Japan might run so short of Sterling as to be unable to meet her debt obligations always seemed exaggerated, and it is not surprising that more reassuring statements were quickly forthcoming. There seems no reason why holdings of Japanese bonds

BARTER TRADE PROPOSAL

Extension Of Pact

Manila, Jan. 5. The official Philippine move to extend the barter trade agreement with Japan cleared the first hurdle in the Senate today with the assurance of support from the Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, oppositionist Jose Zulueta.

Speaking for the committee, he replied to the suggestion of the Foreign Affairs Secretary, Joaquin Elizalde.

He said that it was the opinion of the committee that the agreement should be extended for at least three months.

Mr. Elizalde began consultations with the other Cabinet members yesterday on the advisability of continuing the barter trade agreement, which is due to expire on January 31.

The Central Bank and the Finance Department have already expressed support for an extension, but the Commerce Department has not yet made its views known.

Official circles predicted that at the end of the proposed new extension period, the Philippine Senate would have determined on its action on the Japanese peace treaty, thus paving the way for possible resumption of normal trade relations between the two countries.—France-Press.

Italy's Trade With Japan

Rome, Jan. 5. Italian exports to Japan in the first ten months of 1952 showed an increase compared with the same period of 1951, the Italian National Institute of Statistics said today.

Italian exports to Japan, which during the first 10 months of 1951 totalled 1,304,300,000 lire, reached 1,023,400,000 lire during the same period of 1952.

Imports from Japan also showed an increase during the same period. In 1951, they were 2,350,000,000 lire and during 1952 they reached 3,056,000,000 lire.

The principal Italian exports to Japan were rice, peeled tomatoes, textiles, typewriters and motor-cars. Imports from Japan were mainly porcelain, perfumes, chemical products, silk and iron and pig iron.—United Press.

German Car Exports

Bonn, Jan. 5. Germany's biggest car factory, reporting booming business, announced today that 40,650 beetle-like People's Cars were exported in 1952 to 43 countries all over the world—about 10,000 more than last year.

Seventeen thousand workers in the huge Volkswagen plant at Wolfsburg, only a few miles west of the Iron Curtain, increased last year's output by 27 per cent and, in all, produced 135,970 cars.

The demand for the rear-engine, air-cooled, four-cylinder car is so high that customers in Germany have now to wait four or five months. Prices for the Germans are £375 for the saloon and £450 for the luxury model.

In Sweden, one of the biggest importers of People's Cars, delivery time has now reached 15 months. Greatest part of the export goes to European countries. Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and Sweden top the list of importing countries.

TO FAR EAST

But the German People's Car has also conquered overseas markets. In Africa, people in Egypt, South Africa, Kenya and the Rhodesias have started to buy the car.

Latest achievement in the Volkswagen export drive is Canada, where the first batch of 150 cars from Wolfsburg has already arrived.

The Germans hope to establish their own distribution company in Canada and also report an excellent market for their Transporters—little buses with the People's Car rear engine.

Next year the factory will start exporting to Far Eastern countries—Japan and Siam.

INCREASE IN FEES PROPOSED

Washington, Jan. 5. The Agriculture Department has proposed an increase in its fees for reviewing the classification of cotton stored under Cotton Futures Regulations.

Interested persons will have until January 26 to submit their comments on the proposal to the Director of the Cotton Branch of the Agriculture Department's Production and Marketing Administration.

The Department suggested an increase of five cents a bale for reviewing the cotton classification. This would raise the cost per bale from 30 to 35 cents.

The Department announced that the increase would apply only to reviews of classifications of cotton for delivery under futures contracts and not to cotton classified under the Cotton Standards Act.

The increase was suggested, the Department said, in order to bring the fee for reviews to the applicant into line with the cost of the service.

The Department also proposed to change the fee charged for telephone or teletype transmission of cotton classing information under futures deliveries from five cents a bale to the actual toll charge.

It said that in many instances, persons involved asked that the classing information be furnished them either by telephone or teletype.

Cotton for future delivery is classified by Agriculture Department agents who inspect the material at warehouses where it is stored.

Firms may contest the classifications and appeal to the Agriculture Department in Washington for a change of classification. The proposed increase in fees would apply to these requests for reviews.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN RICE EXPORTS

Washington, Jan. 5. The Agriculture Department reported today that U.S. rice exports last October totalled 1,001,000 bags, of 100 pounds each, an increase of 412,000 bags over October 1951.

Total exports for last August to October were 3,527,000 bags, which was 600,000 bags less than the same period of 1951.

There were less reserves on hand at the start of the present year in August than a year earlier. The principal destinations are Ceylon, Japan, Cuba and Hongkong.—United Press.

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"TJITJADANE"	Jan. 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, Africa & S. America	
"TJIPONDOK"	Jan. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TJIMANTJET"	Jan. 23	Japan	
"TJIWANGI"	Feb. 2	Singapore, Surabaya & Macassar	Semarang
"TASMAN"	Feb. 4	Japan	
"BOISSEVAIN"	Feb. 5	Japan	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Feb. 7	Japan	
"TJIKAMPEK"	Feb. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TJIMENTENG"	Feb. 17	Manila, Singapore, F. & S. Africa & S. America	
"TJILUWAN"	Feb. 19	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"BOISSEVAIN"	Feb. 23	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, Africa & S. America	
"TJIMANTJET"	Feb. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TASMAN"	Feb. 23	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli	
"TJIWANGI"	Mar. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"STRAAT ROENDA"	Mar. 4	Japan	
TJHOODAS"	Mar. 9	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TJITJADANE"	Mar. 9	Japan	
"TJILUWAN"	Mar. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar	
"TASMAN"	Mar. 17	Japan	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Mar. 22	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, Africa & S. America	
"TJIWANGI"	Apr. 2	Singapore, Surabaya & Macassar	Semarang

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

At 18, Helen Learns To Live Again

Torquay. THE girl said: "Isn't it beautiful?" and I agreed. We stood outside a house high above Torquay; the view of Torbay, with the sun on the water, and of wooded hills lost in blue haze, was, indeed, lovely.

"Beautiful," the girl repeated. She meant the sun, the warmth in the air, not the view; for though, with her big brown eyes, she was staring across the bay, she could see nothing, she was blind.

Her name was Helen, and she was 18 years old. She lost her sight in a fairground accident. Now, at this home of recovery for the newly blinded, Helen is learning to live a normal life without sight. Helen is a "total" in a small community of the blind—60 strong when I was there—where "partials" can see a little, and "totals" not at all, and men with slight feel father as those who put on white tie and tails for a function where others are informally dressed—feel over-equipped.

HELEN has been at the home six weeks, and will be there, probably, about as long again.

Her days are full. The blind are kept busy. This counteracts the period most have spent at home before coming here, when they sat around idle, depressed at their uselessness.

Helen is learning braille, typewriting, basketwork and simple assembly jobs. She hopes ultimately to work in a factory. She is learning to play, as well as work, and since coming here has taken up swimming and square-dancing. As important as any of these, she is learning "mobility"—to walk without groping or stumbling, to move about rooms without knocking things over. She is shedding the baffled helplessness of the newly blinded.

AFTER her accident, Helen was six weeks in hospital. Then she returned to her Leicester home. She was there a long time before coming to Torquay. I asked her what she did with herself in those dead months. "I tried a bit of housework," she said. "I went to blind people's socials, but they were really for old people. I knitted a lot and... well, I just sat around." She listened to the radio endlessly, and days dragged by very slowly. "Just as well I didn't bring my knitting here," Helen said. "Wouldn't have time for it." She said good-bye and went off with her white stick for a kind of "solo-trip"—a walk down the steep hill to the post office, that was part of her training in mobility.

The Warden of these homes is an energetic man from Liverpool, Tom Drake, who is 41 and went blind when he was 20. He met his wife, who has sight and acts as his secretary, on the train from the north to Torquay. He was coming to be Warden, she to join the staff. They presently married, and a blind-blinded young man from Beckenham, John Conway, who is now the Warden's assistant, was best man.

Tom Drake said: "Yes, the shock when you first know you're blind is terrible. I thought all there was left in life for me was to keep out of people's way, and cost my family as little as possible. I gave away my two fountain pens, my evening suit, my plus fours."

He smiled, remembering, and said: "A lot of people, when they are first blind, are very embarrassed and self-conscious. They hide themselves when friends call, they won't go out, because they feel conspicuous." Relations and friends, themselves upset by the affliction of the blind one, tend to be cruel through their kindness, emphasizing his loss of independence by fuss and well-meant molly-coddling.

"HERE," said Mr. Drake, "we start social rehabilitation in the dining-room. Some people who come have literally been spoon-fed at home. Here, after the first day or so, we 'forget' to help people with their food. They find it quite easy to cut up

and eat their meals. If they're told 'as our waitresses tell people' what's on the plate, and the position of the meat and vegetables and so on. None of us are very pretty eaters, but we do all right."

Shaving, on the other hand, comes relatively easily for men, and women and girls learn quickly to make themselves up without a mirror.

Conway smoked a pipe, the Warden cigarettes, each carried a snuff-box—one in glass, the other blind smoker for use as an ashtray to save embarrassment. Both men agreed with the commonly held notion that some of the pleasure went from tobacco when you could no longer see the smoke.

About that other widely held belief, that a blind acquirer of "sixth sense" is given a doubtful though they agreed that those senses—already possessed, especially touch and hearing, become more acute. The blind man's stick, for example, gives him radar-like "echoes" from objects like walls, and even lamp-posts. One boy, born blind, country-bred, who came here could find his way to a deck-chair set in the middle of an empty lawn, by slapping his thigh and receiving such an "echo."

BRISKLY, the Warden showed me round the home—carpentry, pottery, typing and handicraft classes were going on, in the gymnasium, blind men were busy with a medicine ball.

After work was over, some might go to cinemas or theatres, for the town's entertainments industry is generous with free tickets for the blind; or a team of men from the home might go down to one of two nearby inns and play the local football matches. On Saturdays men are given free grandstand seats for Torquay's football matches. The Rotary Club provide headphones, and a commentary on the game for them. Once a week, dance-bands from the town come to the Manor House. "He fell into the drums sometimes," said Conway, "but the bands say they like coming here, as everyone seems to appreciate their playing."

MORE than 1,000 people have passed through the Homes of Recovery since 1941. The present population is a fair cross-section of the community—a barrister from Liverpool; a girl who worked on an assembly plant at Dagenham; a hair-dresser from Forest Gate; a teacher from Fleet; an insurance agent from Haywards Heath; a writer whose poems are widely known, from Leeds.

Those who can contribute to their keep at the homes do so on a sliding scale, according to their income. Conditions are the same for everyone, whatever they pay, and there is a waiting-list.

Said John Conway, who, in his spare time, is studying law: "Except for reading, there is really nothing a blind man cannot do. But you have to work out a new approach for every single activity, big and small."

Tokyo Trial Postponed

Tokyo, Jan. 6. The trial of British Sapper D. Hepples before a British military court here was postponed this morning when Hepples objected to Lieutenant John Binzer as a member of the court.

It was expected to begin this afternoon with a new member in Lieutenant Binzer's place. Hepples is charged along with two Australians, Privates J. J. Patton and L. A. Sinclair, with robbing a Japanese taxi-driver on November 21.

US Denies Withdrawal Of Troops Report

Washington, Jan. 5. The State Department today denied reports that the United States was considering the withdrawal of its troops from the free territory of Trieste.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, issued the following statement to reporters at his regular noon briefing: "The State Department has been asked about press reports from Belgrade that the United States and British authorities are seriously considering the withdrawal of Allied troops from the free territory of Trieste and turning over of Zone A to Italy and Zone B to Yugoslavia."

"The United States is not considering such a solution and continues to hope for a solution of the problem acceptable to both Italy and Yugoslavia."

ANSWERS REFUSED Asked whether the British might be considering withdrawal of their troops from Trieste, Mr. McDermott said he had nothing whatever to add to the official statement.

He also refused to answer questions on the objections to such a solution from the State Department's viewpoint and on the difference between the Department's statement and the reports from Belgrade, which were attributed to American and British officials there.

This suggested to some observers that there might be a difference of opinion on the proposal between topflight American officers there and the State Department, or that Britain and the United States did not agree on the proposal's merits.

Any plan to determine the future of the disputed territory or its administration will now have to await the inauguration of President Eisenhower and his international advisers—United Press.

ALL NONSENSE London, Jan. 5. The British Foreign Office today dismissed reports that the British and American garrisons might be withdrawn from Trieste shortly as "all nonsense."

A spokesman said it was not true that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, proposed such a withdrawal during his recent visit to Belgrade.

"Obviously if there were a bilateral agreement over Trieste Britain and America could consider withdrawal," said the spokesman. "But reports that withdrawal shortly is being considered... are all nonsense."

He added, however, that Britain would consider making another approach to Italy and Yugoslavia to try to settle the dispute—United Press.

HUKS FLOWN TO MANILA

Manila, Jan. 6. Six top Huk leaders and eight others were secretly brought to Manila last night from Linao Province on an army plane for investigation.

The 12 captured rebels are possibly among the most important of the Huk leaders. They were taken to Manila by the Government forces, and their capture was possibly "one of the most serious blows" dealt to the dissident movement.

The biggest catch was Bartolome Cubaida, alias "Tony Alupay," the regional commander of the entire Mindanao area. He was one of six captured on January 1 in Davao Province in a surprise raid—France-Press.

Radio Hongkong H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, Melody with the stars; 6.30, A Light Orchestra; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Talk (London Relay); 7.30, The World (London Relay); 7.50, Weather Report from the Met Office; 8.00, The World (London Relay); 8.15, The World (London Relay); 8.30, The World (London Relay); 8.45, The World (London Relay); 9.00, The World (London Relay); 9.15, The World (London Relay); 9.30, The World (London Relay); 9.45, The World (London Relay); 10.00, The World (London Relay); 10.15, The World (London Relay); 10.30, The World (London Relay); 10.45, The World (London Relay); 11.00, The World (London Relay); 11.15, The World (London Relay); 11.30, The World (London Relay); 11.45, The World (London Relay); 12.00, The World (London Relay); 12.15, The World (London Relay); 12.30, The World (London Relay); 12.45, The World (London Relay); 1.00, The World (London Relay); 1.15, The World (London Relay); 1.30, The World (London Relay); 1.45, The World (London Relay); 2.00, The World (London Relay); 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